CLATSOP COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 1937 TO 45

# SCRAP BOOK

7/23/37

Approved by the county commission, Clatsop's interesting new health unit will go into effect soon. Child health work such as will be undertaken under this project supported by county and federal governments has never been done in this county and probably will prove highly valuable. The work is of course somewhat of an experimental nature and only for one year, but may be found so valuable and effective that we will wish to have it made permanent.

7/26/37

**DINNER HOUORS NEW STAFF**

The Clatsop County Public Health association will have a dinner Thursday evening in the recreational auditorium of the Presbyterian church in honor of the staff of the nef health unit recently established here. Honored guests will be Dr. E. E. Berg, Dr. Nellie S. Vernon, Miss Shirley Vergeer and Miss Aileen Dyer.

Friends are cordially invited to attend the dinner and may make reserations with Mrs. A. E. Beard at 1545-R or Mrs. Abbie Frairer at 1511-R.

7/30/37

## *Informal Dinner Honors Members Of Health Unit*

Members of the Clatsop County Public Health association entertained Thursday evening with a dinner and informal reception held in the Presbyterian church auditorium in honor of Dr. E. E. Berge, Dr. Nellie S. Vernon, Miss Shirley Vergeer and Miss Aileen Dyer, members of the staff of the new health unit recently established here.

Dr. R. W. Kullberg, president of the Clatsop County Public Health association, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening and introduced the honored guests.

Major Robert Murphy of Ft. Stevens, principal guest speaker for the occasion, spoke on the prevention of disease in the United States army. Dr. Berge also outlined the work of the health unit, stressing the undertaking of children's needs, general preventive programs, and specialized preventive and corrective work.

After the dinner party, an informal reception was held in the auditorium for the guests of honor. Approximately 85 members and guests attended the affair.

**Diphtheria Shots Given**

A large number of children received the diphtheria immunization shots administered by County Health Officer Dr. E. E. Berg at Consolidated school No. 5 Wednesday. The response of the neighborhood to this means of preventing any possibility of an epidemic was gratifying to the health authorities as well as the school board and teaching faculty of the school which serves the Jeffers Garden community where the death of one child and the illness of another with a communicable disease has been reported.

8/1937

## School Children Must Have Health Examination Soon

Only a short time remains for children entering the first grade of Astoria public schools for the first time, to be examined at the county health unit offices in the Flavel building, City School Superintendant A. C. Hampton announced today.

The examinations are required.

Parents are urged to take their children to the health office as soon as possible to expedite the work before school begins. Times set for examinations are from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m., Thursday, August 26, Tuesday, August 31, and Thursday, September 2.

8/5/37

# Examinations For Children Are Slated

### All Entering School Must Obtain Tests

It will be necessary for all children who are entering the Astoria schools for the first time to have a pre-school physical examination sometime before Monday, September 13. Children who are six years of age at the present time, or who will reach the age of six within two months from the opening of school will be admitted. Children should be accompanied by their parents or some responsible person while visiting the Clatsop county health department, according to school authorities.

Examinations are to be held in the offices of the Clatsop county health department on the second floor of the Flavel building, between Seventh and Eighth streets on Duane street.

**Dates Are Set**

Examinations will be held on the following dates between the hours of 1:30 and 4 p. m.

August 10, Tuesday; August 12, Thursday; August 17, Tuesday; August 19, Thursday; August 24, Tuesday; August 26, Thursday.

Vaccination against smallpox and immunization against diphtheria will be done at these clinics for those desiring it.

**Urge Early Exams**

Parents are urged to take the children to the health office early for examinations so that they will be ready to enter the first day of school. Each child must have a physical examination before starting to school for the first time, and parents will please take note that the examinations are to be given on the above dates at the hours designated.

# They Point To "Dances Of Health"

Above, from left, are Wilber Bjork, two pupils of the John Jacob Astor school and the school's principal Walter Christensen, all of whom are principals in the big Milk Fund campaign which will be climaxed Saturday night with two dances, proceeds from which will go toward purchase of milk for hundreds of Clatsop county youngsters. The campaign, under way for two weeks, closes Saturday when doors to the Regatta pavilion will be thrown open to the modern and old-time "dances of health" in what is expected to be the banner year of all milk fund drives. Bjork is one of the milk drivers and dairy employers' union members who have conducted the drive.

# Tuberculosis Seal Sale Progressing

Clatsop county's annual fight against the scourge of tuberculosis is being renewed with vigor as chairman meet to turn in reports. Seaside is first in Clatsop county to request more seals in this year's campaign.

In Astoria, churches and service clubs have endorsed the seal sale, the town generally is launching the campaign to make a goal, in this 1937 Christmas seal sale. Store windows are showing posters featuring the cheery bell-ringer crying his Christmas greetings to all alike. At the "Lawson's confectionery" a window display arranged by Mr. Lawson, features one of the historic bells of Clatsop county. The seal this year will appeal to stamp collectors, because the four educational stamps, printed in bright yellow and included in each sheet of 100, are perforated on all four sides.

Volunteer workers from the women's clubs of Astoria are now selling seals in Christmas seal booths at the post office, J. C. Penney's store and at the Hellberg drug store.

Several local pastors today signed the following statement:

In common with all thoughtful citizens I am eager in my support of the Clatsop County Health association. One of the most notable achievements in modern history is the decrease in deaths from tuberculosis achieved through the united activity of many different enterprises all of which have been brought to a popular point of concentration through your association.

We the undersigned are counting on you to continue your campaign until the scourge of tuberculosis is reduced to an irreducible minimum. I sincerely trust that your Christmas seal campaign in 1937 may drive to a still lower point the ravages of tuberculosis.

(Signed)

REV. E. J. MURNANE,
REV. D. J. FERGUSON,
REV. E. W. HUGHES
REV. J. A. MARTIN,
REV. P. M. BLENKINSOP

Dec 7, 1937

12/9/37

# Tuberculosis Statement Is Issued

Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the county health unit, today issued the following discussion of tuberculosis in connection with the annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, now in progress:

During the past 30 years great progress has been made in the control of tuberculosis. A major factor in the results thus far obtained has been the thorough realization that early diagnosis and preventative measures are absolutely essential to the ultimate eradication of this dread disease.

Any active case of tuberculosis that is undiagnosed and at large in a community is a distinct health menace to that community. It is a particular problem of health departments, doctors and the community as a whole to find these undiagnosed cases not only to protect the future health and happiness of the individuals concerned but to protect their families and contacts.

The tuberculin test followed by X-ray offers a valuable tool in the control of tuberculosis, especially in children who are most susceptible. The test is harmless. A positive tubersulin test indicates that tuberculosis germs have entered the body. It need cause no worry and it does not mean that the child is diseased, but it does mean that he should be examined by the doctor and have his chest X-rayed. A positive test is not dangerous in itself but warns us to look carefully for danger. If a child has a positive tuberculin test we are immediately interested in finding the person who gave him his germs. It may be someone in the family, a friend or neighbor, a playmate or a relative. By following all our clues we often discover unsuspected cases of tuberculosis.

Dr. David A. Stewart says: "One prime essential is to cover the field, to follow up every clue with examinations and re-examinations, to bookkeep carefully year by year records of all known sources of infection and all people possibly infected. To find tuberculosis early there is one way only, and that is to hunt for it among people who are not yet ill, but who have been in contact with open disease. If tuberculosis is left to bring itself to the doctor it will come late almost always, dead ripe, and after scattering much infection."

An adequate control program provides for the routine testing of all children and exposed persons. To be effective such a program must be continuous rather than sporadic. It is the purpose of the health department to carry on such a program in Clatsop county insofar as its facilities permit. This program is aided and made possible with money derived from the sale of Christmas seals.

12/6/37

# Clatsop 2nd In Providing T. B. Patients

Dr. R. W. Kullberg, president of Clatsop County Public Health association, reports funds raised by the sale of Christmas seals in this county will be used solely for the eradication of tuberculosis.

The money raised is to be used: first to find and secure care for infected children; second, to find and help persons who are infecting the children; third, to provide X-rays for needy cases; fourth, to provide public health nursing service; fifth, to provide medical examination for suspects; sixth to work for appropriations for adequate treatment of the patients; seventh to furnish "school health education;" eighth, to furnish literature for general health education; ninth, to promote organized administration for definite all-year activities; tenth, to provide educational guidance and vocational training to help patients become self-supporting.

Clatsop county today rates second in the state with patients seeking entrance to the state hospitals; the Clatsop County Health association and the American Legion auxiliary, urges all to buy as many seals as they can afford to protect homes from this dreaded disease.

The local association today announced the following figures on the tuberculosis problem in Oregon:

Three hundred and forty-eight deaths during the year 1935.

Sixteen per cent of those admitted to our State Sanatoria are young people under 20 years of age.

It is estimated that about 2400 people in Oregon are sick with tuberculosis.

Seventy-two thousand children have been given the tuberculin test during the past six years in rural sections of the state.

Of those tested about 8 per cent in grade schools and 15 per cent in high schools reacted to the test.

Only 515 sanatorium beds for tuberculosis—and 130 patients on the waiting list now.

Inadequate clinic, nursing and social service in many sections.

**Will Patrol Water System**

Defense workers of Lewis and Clark district will meet tonight at Lewis and Clark Consolidated school to work out plans for organizing squads to patrol and maintain the district's water system during emergencies.

—AHS—

# Tuberculin Test Positive Reaction Percentage Rises

Throughout the state among high school students the percentage of positive reactors to the tuberculin tests has risen from 10 to 11.8 per cent of whom 4.3 per cent were suspects or tuberculosis cases. Among grade school children an average of 9.4 per cent were positive reactors of whom 3.8 per cent had tuberculosis or were suspects, according to reports from Miss Erickson, county health nurse.

Although Oregon as a state has less tuberculosis than the average there are 102 in Oregon waiting for the sanitarium. Thirty-two thousand tuberculin tests were given in Oregon last year.

Not only being one of the most expensive diseases, it is the greatest cause of death between the ages of 15 and 45.

The rate of infection is greater in congested areas such as New York.

**Health Association Meets** 12/4/37

The Clatsop County Health association met Wednesday night to draw plans for the annual meeting which will be held Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 in the Methodist church parlors. Association officers for 1941 will be inducted at the annual meeting. Dr. J. C. Haldeman, Wasco county health officer, will be the principal speaker. Albert Grimberg, association president will preside at the annual meeting. The public is invited to attend but are requested to call 519 for reservations. William Seeborg was reappointed Clatsop county health education chairman for 1941 at the Wednesday meeting.

12/4/37

# *County Will Give Tuberculin Tests To School Folk*

WARRENTON, —The Clatsop county health department will give tuberculin tests in the Warrenton and Hammond schools on Wednesday morning, December 15, according to an announcement made this week by Miss Amy Erickson, nurse of the department. Adults and pre school children wishing to make use of this opportunity of securing skin tests may visit either school at this time.

12/4/37

# Health Board Reports On Tuberculosis

SALEM, Ore., (U.P.)—The discovery of tuberculosis during its incipiency increases the chance of recovery and lessens the danger of infection, reports the Oregon state board of health.

If all school children, teachers and all others who have been in contact with or waiting upon persons infected with tuberculosis were tested, the incidence of tuberculosis would be reduced to a few scattering cases, the board says.

The board pointed out that the sale of Christmas seals makes such a program possible. Year by year the seals have raised funds penny by penny which have helped to build a line of defense for protection against the disease. That the defense has been effective is shown clearly by the fact that the national tuberculosis death rate has been reduced from 179 deaths per 100,000 in 1907 to 54 in 1936 and in the state of Oregon the rate per 100,000 has been reduced to 40, the board reports.

Community Congregational Church

Cathlamet, Washington

2 - 24 - 1938

Dr. E. E. Berg,
Astoria, Ore.

Dear Dr. Berg: I have just finished reading the Astorian news story concerning your attack on venereal disease and seize the present moment to say, Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Head

Pastor Cong. Church.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

SEASIDE, OREGON

Office of the Principal

April 22, 1938

Dr. Berg
Director Clatsop County
Remedial Health Work
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Doctor Berg:

May I express my pleasure at hearing that you are on the road to recovery from your recent illness.

I wish at this time to say that never at any time since I have been principal of this school, have I been better satisfied with the health work as carried on here than I am now. Your efficient work here and in other parts of the county is doing much to put Clatsop County in the front ranks in remedial health work. Will you convey to Miss Erickson my appreciation of her faithful and efficient service rendered here.

Sincerely

Samuel [illegible]

Principal

1/18/38

# Local Health Unit Makes 1st Report

A report issued by the Clatsop county health department, for the six-month period ending the first of the year, today showed 343 cases of immunization against diphtheria and 204 against small pox under the communicable disease control phase of the reorganized department's current program.

The report listed 47 field visits for scarlet fever, 13 for diphtheria, seven for measles and seven for whooping cough. There were five lectures and talks on communicable disease control, attended by 288 persons.

**364 Tuberculin Tests**

There were 104 clinic visits in the venereal disease control program with 103 treatments. Seventeen venereal disease cases were admitted to service and there were 20 field visits made.

The department gave 364 tuberculin tests in the tuberculosis control phase, and listed 278 field nursing visits. Of the tests given there were 68 positive reactors, 25 new positive cases and 88 new contacts and suspects under supervision.

**103 Get Nurse Service**

There were 103 individuals admitted to nursing service in infant and pre-school hygiene, 14 individuals examined and 10 nursing visits to children under one year.

In the school hygiene program there were 3883 individuals inspected by physicians and nurses, 1493 examined by physicians, 302 children found without defects, 372 inspections by dentists, 156 heart and hernia checks, 243 vision tests and 2727 children in classroom attendance for health talks.

**Milk Handlers Eyed**

There were 205 gonorrhea smears taken in the laboratory work, 152 blood tests for syphilis, 40 water examinations and 24 diphtheria cultures.

The health department examined 45 milk handlers and 143 other food handlers given tests.

In the morbidity service, mainly on indigents, there were 116 admitted to service, 62 refractions, 22 tonsil and adenoid operations and 25 admissions to hospitals.

5/20/38

# *Health Society Names Ben Burns Recreation Chief*

Ben Burns was elected recreational chairman at a regular meeting of the Clatsop County Public Health association Thursday evening at the Flavel building, with Dr. R. W. Kullberg, Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Shirley Vergeer as committee members. This committee will plan playground activity for the summer months in connection with the association's health program.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Berg were also elected local delegates to the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis association to be held in Los Angeles, June 20, 21, 22 and 23. Anyone wishing to become a member of the Tuberculosis association is asked to contact Mrs. Abbie Frair.

**Dr. Berg Attends Meet**

Dr. E. E. Berg, chief of the Clatsop County Health department, returned here recently after attending a three-day annual meeting of the western branch of the American Public Health bureau in Portland. Miss Shirley Vergeer, nurse for the local office, attended the meeting with Dr. Berg. Berg said today that the department's pre-school clinics were being conducted without interruption throughout the county.

4/14/38

# Poor Teeth Common In Schools Here

## Health Unit Finds T. B. Situation Grave

In a report of findings accumulated by the Clatsop county department of health, after a year of routine physical checks in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 of Astoria schools, the most common physical defect found among 503 students examined was defective teeth.

The department's principal findings, listed by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer and department chief, are as follows:

1. The most common defect is defective teeth. Teeth are better cared for among older junior high and high school students. The percentage of various permanent teeth (decayed) in lower grade children is entirely too high. Dental repair should start at an earlier age.

**Tonsils Not Serious**

2. On the whole diseased tonsils and adenoids are quite well cared for but there are still a number needing attention, some seriously.

3. Visual defects are common—a large number have been corrected with glasses this year.

4. Serious nutritional conditions were the only ones recorded. A number of children, while up to weight, show pallor, tire easily and are generally below par. These symptoms are often linked with infected tonsils. Only marked defects of posture were tabulated. Slight degrees of faulty posture are very common.

5. Flat-feet are common.

**Tonsils Taken Out**

In the listing of corrective work, done by the first of this year, the department reported that approximately 35 per cent of children examined had had tonsils removed. "During the school year eight tonsilectomies have been done for Astoria children through facilities of the department in cooperation with the Community Chest, the A. D. C. and the health association.

The department fitted 62 children with glasses and performed some dental work on 45 per cent of the children examined. "The percentage having dental care progressively increased with advance in school standing," the report states.

**No Serious Outbreaks**

Reporting on communicable disease control the department said there has been "no serious out-break of major contagious diseases during the year." "One case of diphtheria appeared in the high school early this fall. . . . There have been several scattered cases of scarlet fever of a mild type during the year," the report reads. Prompt institution of control measures prevented appearance of additional cases and quarantine was placed on cases of scarlet fever and the school nurse visited inflicted children.

In the section on immunization and vaccination the department reports that 40 per cent of Astoria school children are immunized against diphtheria and 52 per cent are vaccinated against smallpox. Compared with the county outside of Astoria, 53 per cent are immunized against diphtheria and 51 per cent against smallpox.

"With effective proven measures for prevention of diphtheria and smallpox there is little excuse for an out-break of either of these diseases in any community," the report reads.

**T. B. Situation Serious**

The department pointed to what it termed a "serious situation" wherein during the past year, 13 positive cases of tuberculosis have been reported among school children in the county. "Nine of these cases have been Astoria school children—three from Lewis and Clark junior high school and six from the high school. Two of the six cases reported among high school students died.

The report urges cooperation of school authorities and parents in extending the scope of the tuberculin testing program to remedy the threat of tuberculosis.

"We have been disappointed in response to the tuberculin test program in the high school and feel that a much larger percentage of students should have been tested. It is quite evident in view of the high percentage of positive reactors (20 per cent of 124 examined) and high incidence of positive cases (40 per cent of a section of the senior class) there has been one or more foci of infection in the high school."

**Better Check Needed**

The report states that the focus of infection may be represented among cases already diagnosed "but we cannot be sure of this without a more adequate check on the entire high school population.

Compared with figures released by the state tuberculosis association, showing an average of 9.4 per cent positive reactors among grade school children and 11.8 per cent among high school students, the Astoria figures were considerably higher. The percentage of those given tuberculin tests in grade schools show 8.4 per cent positive reactors and 20 per cent among 124 high school pupils.

MAY 1938

**Pre-School Clinics Set**

The Clatsop County Health department said today it would conduct pre-school and infant clinics throughout the county this summer, checking children from new-borns to those of six years of age. The clinics will be held in concentrated areas and the first clinic has been set for next Thursday in the Pacific Grange hall. The department will hold a clinic May 26 in the Vesper and Jewell districts and will include, before school begins next fall, such points as Seaside, Warrenton, Knappa-Svensen and others.

—AHS—

# Sickness Invades Teaching Staff

Attacking the teaching and office staff, chickenpox and appendicitis have garnered two victims.

Chickenpox will keep Miriam Luukinen, office girl, home for two weeks.

Miss McCann, shorthand and typing teacher, underwent an appendicitis operation at St. Mary's hospital last week. Replacing her at school was Mr. Crumb, boys' work secretary at the YMCA. However, the jinx also affected him, as he also became ill. Therefore, Mrs. Cornilson became a substitute for a substitute an unusual occurrence.

4/23/38

# *Infant Clinic Due In Warrenton*

The County Health department will conduct a pre-school and infant clinic Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Warrenton school building, with Dr. E. E. Berg in charge. This clinic is one of a series conducted every other month throughout the year by the health department.

5/13/38

# Dr. Kullberg Heads County Health Body

Dr. R. W. Kullberg was nominated and unanimously approved as president of the Clatsop County Health association at that organization's annual meeting Thursday night in the First Presbyterian church.

Other new officers presented by the nominating committee and approved unanimously include Mrs. Rachel Jensen, vice-president; Mrs. Abbie Frair, secretary; Mrs. A. E. Beard, treasurer.

**Miss Witchen Speaks**

Miss Elsie Witchen, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, who is taking over the duties of Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar during her three years' leave of absence, declared that a goal of tuberculosis eradication has been set for Oregon, providing for reduction of annual deaths from 38 per 100,000 population to 15 or less per 100,000.

Means of attaining this goal, Miss Witchen said, will be through (1) full time trained personnel, (2) sufficient sanatorium beds to eliminate the constant waiting list of around 100,(3) adequate case-finding facilities through tuberculin testing, follow-up x-rays of reactors and follow-up of known contacts.

**Dr. Berg Reports**

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, reported briefly on the tuberculosis situation in this county.

The following committees reported: Mrs. E. A. Beard on finance; Mrs. Abbie Frair on secretarial; Mrs. Carl Nyquist on seal sale; Miss Shirley Vergeer on The Dalles tuberculosis convention.

Constitution and by-laws for the organization, drafted by a committee under Mrs. Hazel Ingalls, were read and approved.

5/4/38

**Health Association**

The Clatsop County Public Health association is holding its annual business session at a dinner meeting Thursday, May 5, with Miss Elsie Witchen as guest speaker. The dinner will be held at 6 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church.

Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Abbie Frair and Mrs. Rachel Jensen.

6/1/38

# Child Clinic Due In Brownsmead

BROWNSMEAD— On Tuesday, June 14th, Dr. E. E. Berg, and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., of Astoria, will hold a clinic for infants and children of pre-school age in the schoolhouse of District No. 39, Brownsmead. This will include children from both Sylvan Isle and Brownsmead districts. Parents are urged to bring their children for this examination.

5/13/38

**Health Clinic Postponed**

A clinic, supposed to have been held Thursday in Pacific Grange hall by the Clatsop County Health department, has been postponed until next Thursday.

MAY 1938

## TALKS GIVEN BY BELDEN, DR. BERG

MAY 5 1938

C. R. Belden gave a very interesting talk on Oregon at the Monday assembly. Mr. Belden said that agriculture is of first importance in the state of Oregon, lumbering is second and mining third.

Dr. Berg, the county health doctor, gave a talk in connection with Child Health week. He said doctors are concerned with how to prevent disease. Before disease can be prevented the public must know the cause. Dr. Berg told of Pasteur's finding the cause of rabies and Kock, tuberculosis. He said that the common cold is the cause of more loss of work than any other disease. The cause of the cold has not yet been determined. Dr. Berg emphasized the fact that more children should be vaccinated against smallpox. In Sweden, Denmark and Germany vaccination is compulsory and in those countries smallpox is practically unheard of. In Clatsop county about 50% of the school children are vaccinated, but at least 75% should be.

Dave Scoggin read two Child Health Day proclamations—one by President Roosevelt, the other by Governor Chas. H. Martin, setting aside Child Health day.

## NEED FOR HEALTH REGULATION CITED BY HEALTH OFFICER

Health regulations for the city were discussed Tuesday night before the Seaside Kiwanis club by Dr. J. E. Vinson, health officer. Dr. Vinson declared that so far as he knew the only ordinance on the Seaside books concerning health was simply an ordinance creating the office of city health officer. There are no regulations of any sort to guide the work of the officer.

In discussing the problem Dr. Vinson told about a new health ordinance adopted less than a year ago in The Dalles. The ordinance, he said, provided for the examination of all persons handling foods, for the regulation of the display and the handling of the foods, and for the regulation of cosmeticians and their examination.

In less than a year 600 persons had been examined under the ordinance. The first reaction was that almost immediately 131 persons engaged in food handling either changed jobs or left the city. Of the rest there was discovered 17 unsuspected cases of syphilis, as well as other social diseases, and a number of cases of tuberculosis.

Three new members were inducted into the club by Captain J. N. Graham. They were Morris Russell, George Cheney and R. A. Brown.

MAY 13 '38

7/20/38

## Berg Praises Seaside Law

SEASIDE. (Special)—Dr. E. Berg of Astoria came before the regular meeting of the Seaside city council last night to discuss the proposed ordinance for examinations of food handlers. Dr. Berg, who declared that such an examination was just as important as having laws for the production of food, estimated that the probable cost of examinations would be $2.50 for the first and $1.50 for the second. He said that these tests would help to ward off epidemics of diphtheria and typhoid.

The question was raised concerning the examiners and places of the examination and it was recommended by Dr. Berg that only one doctor be responsible for all tests so that the records could be kept orderly in one office.

Dr. J. E. Vinson of Seaside advised that the examiners be limited to city physicians.

Following discussion initiated by two local men in regard to taking mud from the river and filling in property which they own along the banks, the council opposed to any such measure, asked City Attorney Irving Allen to write to the state board of engineers regarding means of prevention. Fear that removal of the mud might divert the river channel and send it to the other bank endangering property on that side was expressed.

5/11/38

## New Health Ordinance For Seaside

### Food Handling Rules Would Be Provided

SEASIDE.—Anyone engaged in handling food products in the city of Seaside will be required to obtain a certificate of health from a local physician in the near future if the council acts favorably on a proposal submitted at the meeting Monday night that an ordinance to that effect be approved. There has been considerable agitation by a large number of citizens to secure a health ordinance but until now no satisfactory provisions could be agreed upon. Last evening City Attorney Allen presented members of the council with copies of a health ordinance used by The Dalles which he and Mayor Stafford secured at a conference of the League of Oregon Cities held in The Dalles last week. Dr. J. E. Vinson of this city has been largely instrumental in calling attention to the great necessity having health regulations in food establishments.

The Dalles ordinance which the council will probably copy without exception forbids anyone having any infectious disease to handle food, providing for a physical examination which includes a Wasserman blood test. A health certificate is valid for six months.

**OTHER CONDITIONS SET**

Further provisions set forth in a second ordinance govern storage of food, sanitary conditions of the structure where the food is distributed, display of food providing glass or other coverings, the cleansing and sterilization of eating utensils, glasses and dishes. A third ordinance regulates conditions under which barber and beauty shops may be operated requiring health certificates for operators and forbidding them to accept customers with communicable or infectious diseases. The council expects to offer a decision at the next meeting.

The standard milk ordinance which was laid on the table awaiting passage when council members are in full attendance. Jacob Bartholoma was granted an extension of the garbage collection franchise in an ordinance to that effect.

**NEW AMUSEMENT LAW**

A new ordinance licensing amusement devices and novelty machines was placed on second reading. According to the ordinance the minimum license fee would be $50 monthly with the city privileged to receive 20 per cent of the gross receipts of any one operator if they amount to more than $50. The ordinance also provides that $1800 paid as a license fee for pinball machines for 1938 be refunded if these machines are named illegal.

Acting on the recommendation by the city planning commission that a city manager plan of government be adopted by the city the council voted that Mayor Stafford be given the power to appoint a committee for a revision of the city charter.

The council also decided that the county be requested to submit a preliminary survey of the proposed bridge across the Necanicum on Avenue A and for a road on the west side of the river 115 feet in wodth to form a connecting link between the Avenue G bridge and the Fourth avenue bridge.

6/9/38

## Seaside Gets New Food Ordinances

### Health Certificates Will Be Required

SEASIDE.—A series of three ordinances requiring food handlers and those engaged in barber shops and cosmetic work to secure health certificates requiring a physical examination every six months were passed at the regular session of the city council Monday night. The person must undergo a Wasserman blood test and be free from any communicable disease. This includes all those who handle food in preparation, manufacture, distribution and all places wherein such work takes place, as well as those handling food implements in preparation of the food. Sanitary regulations are set forth for all food establishments. In the third ordinance no barber nor beauty operator may serve a customer who has a communicable disease as well as being required to be free themselves. A penalty of $300 fine or 100 days in jail or both is to be paid for violation.

**Milk Ordinance Passed**

The milk ordinance, a short form act of the U. S. standard milk ordinance which has been before the council for a number of weeks, was finally passed last night, compliance with which will give Seaside milk a grade "A" rating. This standard rating will be of great benefit to the city in giving tourists confidence in the purity of the milk, a fact which will be publicized by the U. S. health service. According to milk inspectors, Seaside milk is of grade "A" quality and this ordinance will now certify the fact. This does not mean any change in price of milk to the consumer. Those dairies supporting the passage of the ordinance are Daly's dairy, Palmrose Dairy, Dahlia dairy, and the Ostman dairy.

Beer hall regulations calling for the payment of a $200 license fee, forbidding the employment of other than professional trainers, and requiring police supervision and payment of $300 fine or 100 days in jail for violation were set forth in an ordinance to that effect passed at this time.

**Plan Sewage Plant**

J. C. Stevens and R. E. Koon, Portland construction engineers, will be hired by the city of Seaside to make a general survey of the plan and cost of a sewage disposal plant.

Theodore Dichter was selected by the council to fill the unexpired term left by the passing of John Blake.

On recommendation of one of the council members the council voted to have parking limited by forbidding it on the south side of Avenue A and Beach drive to the Prom, south side of Second, Third and Fifth avenue and from North Downing to the Prom, on the east side of North Downing from Broadway to Fifth avenue. No parking will be allowed on either side 40 feet back on the Prom.

**Name New Life Guard**

Ed Palmrose was elected a new life guard for the summer. Bids for a new hose for the fire truck will be advertised for.

A refund of license fee will be granted Fred C. Walch on request to be set forth in an ordinance for $150 originally paid to license a dart game which is now unlawful.

No fire works may be shot off in the city limits at any time except from June 27 to July 5 inclusive or excepting on the beach according to a further ordinance passed.

5/4/38

# CLINIC FOR CRIPPLES IS SLATED HERE

Dr. John F. Abele, assistant director of Oregon's crippled children program, has authorized a diagnostic field clinic for Clatsop county on Wednesday, May 18, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, announced today.

"These diagnostic clinics are being conducted in various parts of the state as a means of extending the crippled children's services already available," Dr. Berg said. "The present program has extended the age limit up to 21 years."

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Harry C. Blair of Portland in the county health unit's offices in the Flavel building. There are no restrictions on eligibility to admission except that applications for examination and services should be referred by their family physicians, Dr. Berg said.

5/18/38

**Crippled Children Examined**

Dr. Harry C. Blair and Dr. John Abele, from the crippled children's division of the state relief committee in Portland, today conducted the crippled children's clinic here at quarters of the Clatsop County Health department in the Flavel building. The department will hold its first summer pre-school clinic tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Pacific Grange.

# HEALTH OFFICER PRESENTS REPORT

1938

ASTORIA, July 30 (Special)—The Clatsop county health unit administered 811 diphtheria and smallpox examinations, gave 2280 tuberculin tests and made 3245 individual inpections during the first half of 1938, Dr. E. E. Berg, director, reported this week.

One of the most extensive phases of the department's work was tuberculosis control, Dr. Berg said. A total of 119 individuals were admitted to medical service, there were 195 field nursing visits and 216 X-ray examinations. Of this group, there were 241 positive reactors listed.

There were 308 cases of communicable disease in the county during the six-month period, comparing with 144 for the first six months of 1937. Chickenpox led with 39 cases.

July 1938

# Berg Reports On Half-Year Health Work

There were 308 cases of communicable diseses reported through the Clatsop county department of health for the six-month period between January and June of this year compared with 144 for the last six months of 1937, according to a report issued by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer in the Flavel building.

Thirty-nine cases of chickenpox, 34 reports of measles, 16 cases of tuberculosis, 32 of pneumonia and 23 of scarlet fever represented the largest increases.

**Venereal Diseases Drop**

Dr. Berg listed in his report a decrease of nine in reported cases of gonorrhea, leaving the total for the six months of 17 compared with 26 last year, with a total of 43 for the year. Syphilis dropped from 13 to five while tuberculosis jumped from seven to 16.

Measles, scabies, scarlet fever and whooping cough showed tripled gains in some instances. There was only one case of meningitis reported, that in 1937. The flu bug was reported loose 55 times during the 12-month period, 33 times in the last six months and 22 from July to December of last year.

**Much Activity Reported**

The report listed impressive activities carried on by the department during the period under review including 811 immunizations for smallpox and diphtheria. There was one reported case of the latter and no reports of smallpox.

One of the most extensive phases of the health department's program was tuberculosis control, including 119 individuals admitted to medical service, 195 field nursing visits, 216 X-ray examnations and 2280 tuberculin tests. Of this group, there were 241 positive reactors listed during the six-month period. Laboratory work showed 411 blood tests for syphilis, 543 gonorrhea smears and 89 diphtheria cultures.

**School Hygiene Program**

There were 3245 individual inspections by physicians or nurses in the school hygiene program and nearly 2500 persons in attendance at public lectures and classroom health talks.

The program included infant and pre-school hygiene, adult hygiene, studies of crippled children, sanitation and extensive morbidity service, mainly among indigents.

9/6/38

# City Schools Will Open Monday For Autumn Term

City schools will open Monday, September 12, for the fall term. Principals of each of the several schools will be in their own offices daily from 9 until 5 to discuss problems with parents of pupils. Heads of the schools met with A. C. Hampton, superintendent of city schools, today to consider routine matters relating to opening of the fall term.

All children entering school for the first time Monday must have undergone physical examinations. The final health tests are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3:30 and Friday morning from 9 to 12. They are conducted by the Clatsop county health department in the Flavel house. All children entering school for the first time who are six years old on September 12 or six years old two months after that date must report there, accompanied by a parent or a responsible party.

8/2/38

# Health Quiz Required On School Entry

All children entering the Astoria public schools for the first time in September must be examined by the Health department, A. C. Hampton, city school superintendent said today. Children six years of age, or six within two months from the opening date of school, September 12, will be admitted to the first grade.

Physical examinations for children entering the Astoria schools for the first time in September will be held in the offices of the Clatsop county health department, on the second floor of the Flavel house, on the following dates: August 3, 10 and 17 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; August 5, 12 and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hampton urged parents to bring their children in early for these examinations in order that needed medical attention may be given before the fall session of school. Children must be accompanied by a parent or some responsibe party.

7/21/38

# Health Tests For Children Next Month

Examinations for children entering the Astoria schools for the first time in the school term which starts next September will be given next month by the county health department in the Flavel building.

All children residing within the school district boundaries who are six years old or will become six years old within two months after opening of the city schools on Monday, September 12, are eligible to enter the first grade. It will be necessary for parents of children entering for the first time to have them get physical examinations.

**Hours, Dates Set**

Hours and dates for the examinations are as follows:

Wednesday, August 3, 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Wednesday, August 10, 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.; Wednesday, August 17, 1 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Friday, August 5, 9 a. m. to 12 a. m.; Friday, August 12, 9 a. m. to 12 a. m.; Friday, August 19, 9 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Parents are urged to bring children in early for these examinations so that needs corrective work may be cared for before the opening of school.

It is especially urged that all children be vaccinated against smallpox and immunized against diphtheria before entering school. The frequency of these diseases in Oregon during the past year indicate the necessity for proper protection. All children nine months and over should be protested against smallpox and diphtheria. Immunizations and vaccinations are done by private physicians at any time and at the health department office on Wednesday afternoons, Friday and Saturday mornings.

7/14/38

# Dairy Inspection Just Completed

A federal dairy inspection survey by C. M. Everts, Jr., of the state department of health, has just been completed in Seaside and Astoria. The results have been sent to Washington, D. C., for approval, and will be announced upon their return.

This survey is held every year and the city must pass ninety per cent to be on the accredited list. Portland and Astoria are the only cities to be on it. Seaside was given its preliminary survey, and wil be granted six months to one year to qualify for the list.

7/21/38

**Reports to Health Association**

Featuring the meeting this evening of the Clatsop County Health association will be a report by Dr. E. E. Berg on the national meeting of health authorities held in Los Angeles and which he attended. The public is invited. The meeting will be in the Flavel building at 7:30.

June 1938

# Report Made On Milk Fund

The Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes union distributed $424.97 worth of milk to school children in three Astoria schools out of its special milk fund in the school year just ended, according to a report made today. A balance of $82.21 was left to begin next year's milk fund activities for undernourished children.

The amount of milk distributed was 16,999 half pints, of which 6,565 went to Astor school, 5,879 to Lewis and Clark and 4,555 to Gray.

The distribution by months is as follows:

October, 1,243; November, 2,291; December, 3,127; January, 3,075; February, 1,980; March, 2,277; April, 1,960; May, 1,046.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, was in charge of the distribution. He said milk was given all children who needed it.

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4/8/38

# Dr. Berg Wins Scholarship At Minnesota U.

The work of Dr. E. E. Berg as public health officer in Clatsop county has won him a year's scholarship in the medical school of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis where he will continue his studies in public health. The local physician was the only public health officer in Oregon to receive a full academic year's scholarship. A number of shorter scholarships were given out by the University of Minnesota in this state.

Dr. and Mrs. Berg and their son left for Minneapolis Thursday. They will return in June at the end of the regular term. During this time Dr. L. F. Goerke, Portland, will serve as public health officer in Clatsop county.

### DR. GOERKE INTRODUCED AT HEALTH MEET

Dr. L. S. Georke of Portland, who will be in Astoria this year to replace Dr. E. E. Berg, was introduced last evening at the clatsop County Public Health association meeting in the Flavel building.

Dr. Berg is attending the University of Minnesota on a scholarship for a year and will return to Astoria on the completion of his studies.

Dr. R. W. Kullberg, president, expressed satisfaction with the clean up campaign which the health assocaition started last spring. More paint has been purchased this year than for the previous five years.

The American Legion auxiliary will again conduct the Christmas seal sale, the proceeds from which the health associaticn derives its funds.

The next meeting will be held September 22 in the Flavel building and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

# Mrs. Burns Joins Health Unit Staff

Mrs. Geraldine Burns, a public health nurse of wide experience, has been added to the staff of the Clatsop county health department. Mrs. Burns comes to Astoria with seven years of experience in the field. She will serve under Dr. Stephen Goerke, recently appointed public health doctor in place of Dr. E. E. Berg, who won a scholarship for advanced work in public health study at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Goerke today said the department is formulating an extensive program of dental and hearing examination, along with tuberculosis control. Dr. Goerke said Dr. De Camp, head of the dental department of the Oregon state department of public health, was in Astoria recently making a preliminary survey for the work and would return soon to discuss it in detail.

### ASTOR P-T. A. TO HOLD MEETING

The executive committee of the John Jacob Astor P-T. A. was called for a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the school building by the new president, Mrs. William Paulsen, to make plans for the first meeting of the association Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 at the school auditorium. Projects for the coming year were outlined by the executive committee to be commenced on immediately.

A reception will be held for the Astor teachers and the new school doctor and nurse following a short business meeting. All parents of Astor pupils are cordially invited to attend.

The committees in charge for the evening are program, Mrs. Charles Berry, chairman, Mrs. E. Paldanius and Mrs. O. K. Atwood; refreshments, Mrs. Lavonia Larson, chairman, Mrs. P. V. Tadei, Mrs. William Paulsen, Mrs. Otto Bumala and Mrs. Charles Berry.

### CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE PLANS ORGANIZED

Plans for the annual Christmas seal sale were organized by the Clatsop County Public Health association meeting last evening in the Flavel house.

The Christmas seal sale will be sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary with Mrs. Edith Hughes, general chairman. Committee chairmen will be appointed later and work will go forward.

Miss Elfie Witchen, acting secretary of the Oregon tuberculosis association, will meet with local workers Monday, November 3.

Dr. R. W. Kullberg announced that an institute for teachers of Clatsop county and Tillamook counties will be held in Tillamook Monday, October 30.

The local health unit with the Tillamook unit will arrange a display of health education consisting of pamphlets, pictures and slides.

Mrs. Geraldine Burns, new health nurse, was welcomed and introduced at the meeting.

The next meeting of the association will be held October 13.

# Scarlet Fever Cases Reported To Health Group

Several cases of scarlet fever, which occurred in Clatsop county during the summer, and additional cases developing more recently have been reported to the county health department.

Parents are urged to watch their children acrefully for severe sore throat and slight temperature. If these symptoms appear, followed in 6 to 36 hours with a rash, the family physician should be called and the health office notified immediately, Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, said today.

Parents are also requested by the health department, for the sake of their children and others, not to send to school any child who has a sore throat and temperature.

A glance at the Clatsop county health unit's program of work for the coming fall and winter gives an idea of the amount of health preservation work to be done among pre-school and school age children by this valuable organization. Clatsop county was highly fortunate in obtaining this efficient, modern health agency to work among our children. Worried parents can know that their children are being watched and tested and that, if there is an indication of lurking menaces to their health, the indication will be traced down. With medicine having made vast strides forward in recent years, children are entitled to such health protection as this unit provides. It is an asset to the county which we can never afford to relinquish.

# Brownsmead Clinic Thursday; 13 Tots Tested

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) — At the clinic held Thursday afternoon in the Brownsmead school house for pre-school children, 13 babies were given examinations by Dr. Goerke and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N. of Astoria. Another clinic will be held in about three months. At these clinics the children are measured, weighed and examined by Dr. Goerke, and helpful suggestions are given the mothers as to diet, etc. Assisting Dr. Goerke and Miss Vergeer were Mrs. Jean Allen and Mrs. Anna Saarki of Brownsmead.

### YOUNGER BUSINESS GIRLS APPROVE HEALTH PROGRAM

In a business meeting of the Younger Business Girls last evening at the YWCA, discussion was held concerning the Clatsop county health program. The Younger Business Girls have approved the Clatsop county health unit in their program carried on in the schools and also the Christmas seal sale fund.

Plans were made for the social calendar for a Hallowe'en party to be held at the Johnson farm in Tucker creek. Hostesses are Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mrs. Virginia Johnson and Mrs. Freda Englund.

This will be a masquerade party and the girls are to meet at 7 o'clock at the Y for transportation.

# Shirley Verger New School Nurse From Benson High

Do you know we have a new school nurse? She is Miss Shirley Verger, who was formerly at Benson Tech and high school of Commerce in Portland.

Miss Verger is at high school each Tuesday morning for admissions, clinics and conferences. Students absent due to illness must be readmitted through the health department but those returning on Tuesday can see the nurse at school.

Physicial examinations for all new students this year (including 10-A class) will be available through the health officer, Dr. Goerke. Examinations will be held in the gym on October 25th.

Tuberculin tests will be offered again in this school during the year. Students who have once been positive should not repeat the test, but all negatives, as well as those who have never taken one, should protect themselves by having it this year.

All students will find Miss Verger happy to confer with them in regard to personal health matters.

Vaccination against smallpox will also be offered in the high school this year.

# Medical Body Asks County Health Group

Organization of a Clatsop County Health department, which would incorporate the City of Astoria health department, and with assistance of federal funds make possible the office of a sanitary inspector, was recommended in a communication from the Clatsop County Medical society to the city council Monday night.

Better service to the people of the county in general and correlation of the work of the city and council health offices, without loss of employment or compensation by any one, would result for the unified administration, the communication stated. It was signed by Dr. L. W. Hyde, president, and Dr. Laurence M. Lowell, secretary. The matter was referred by the council to the city manager for a report.

**Several Purposes Outlined**

This organization, the letter outlined, would work in the field of school children's health, communicable diseases, food handlers certification, birth and death certification and control of venereal diseases in cooperation with the chief of police.

The medical society declared that the food handlers ordinance in the city was not uniformly applied, that the county in general, outside of cities, suffered from lack of proper sanitary inspection, citing general cases of impure water supply, outside of cities.

Commenting on the control of venereal diseases by the proposed reorganization, the letter said, "By this means prostitutes may be examined at frequent intervals and laboratory work among them increased" through tests conducted by the state laboratory.

No increase in budgets of either city or county would result and after the end of the fiscal year, either party could withdraw, the communication said.

### Dance Nets Good Sum

The annual Milk Fund dance, staged recently by the Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employes' union, brought in a net profit of $605.70, the union reported Wednesday. All the money goes to provide milk for underweight school children whose parents are unable to provide them with needed milk. The money will be disbursed under direction of Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, and will be used in all Astoria schools, including Star of the Sea; Lewis and Clark consolidated; Hammond, Warrenton and Seaside schools. The sum obtained this year was about $100 more than was netted at the Milk Fund dance a year ago.

# Children's Health Stressed

## County Unit Tells Plans For Winter

Rehabilitation of children will be stressed in the work of the Clatsop county health unit during the coming year, according to Dr. L. S. Goerke, health officer.

In addition to preventive work and communicable disease control, special effort will be made to discover defects in pre-school children of school age, and to see that proper corrective treatment is provided, either through the private physician, clinics or welfare organizations.

The health department office, located on the second floor of Flavel building, will be open Wednesday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday mornings. Personnel of the department will spend the remainder of the time doing field work and conducting clinics.

**Routine Examinations Due**

The school program will include routine physical examinations of all children in grades one, four, seven and ten in Astoria and throughout the county. Special examinations including check-up of school athletes, will be given on request of faculty members.

Vision testing will be directed primarily toward those children who have not been checked previously Re-checks will be made on children who showed defective vision in examinations last year. Efforts will also be made to improve lighting conditions in schools throughout the county.

With the cooperation of the state division of maternal and child health, audiometer hearing tests will be conducted. A tentative program for dental examinations among children of the first six grades is being worked out by county dentists.

**Regular School Schedules**

County nurses will follow regular schedule in visiting each of the schools throughout the county.

Mothers of pre-school children and infants who cannot afford to see their family physician at frequent intervals are urged to bring these youngsters to the county health office on clinic days. Clinics will be held at Warrenton and Hammond alternate months, and regular infant, maternal and pre-school clinics will be established at other communities. Time and place of these clinics will be announced at a later date.

New tubersulin cases, contacts, suspects and post-sanitorium cases will be checked by the department. In addition, tuberculin testing will be carried on in the schools, and it is planned toconduct an educational program on tuberculosis within the schools.

**Vaccination Offered**

Vaccination and immunization against communicable disease will be given at the health office during regular clinic hours. In addition, clinics for this purpose will be held in all schools throughout the county.

Adult medical care by the health department is given only to those patients referred by private physicians or the county relief department.

## Dr. L. S. Goerke Speaker For Business Women

The Business and Professional Women's club held its regular monthly dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. P. O. Stacy last evening with the president, Miss Mary Harnisch, presiding. Dr. L. S. Goerke was the guest speaker.

Dr. Geoerke explained the aims and functions of the health department. He stated that the cooperation of the various social agencies and the general public was necessary for the furtherance of these objectives.

Miss Jane Spalding entertained the group with a reading.

The committee in charge of the dinner were Mrs. Edna Davis, Mrs. Frances Erickson and Miss Charlotte Rudd.

The tables were attractively decorated with marigolds, zinneas and autumn favors.

Gifts were presented to members who celebrated birthdays in September and October.

Those enjoying the evening were Miss Mary Harnisch, Miss Beatrice Cornilsen, Miss Charlotte Hess. Mrs. Edith Hughes, Miss Mary McCrea, Miss Bess Spicer, Mrs. Artie Stangland, Miss Sadie Van der Ven, Miss Marjorie Reynolds, Miss Margaret Upham, Miss Charlotte Upham, Miss Esther Grod, Miss Edith Baker, Miss Mary Weaver, Miss Esther Kari, Mrs. Mary Runkel, Miss Ann Lewis, Mrs. Eva Foote, Mrs. Margaret Noe, Mrs. Edna Davis, Mrs. Laura Newport, Miss Violet McMurtrey, Miss Phyllis Thurston, Miss Charlotte Rudd, Mrs. Frances Erickson and Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Goerke.

## Dr. L. S. Goerke Speaks To League Of Women Voters

Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, addressed the first meeting of the study group of the Astoria branch of the Clatsop County League of Women Voters Wednesday afternoon in the circuit court room of the county court house. His address dealth with the organization and development of an educational program dealing with tuberculosis control and the distribution of Christmas seal sale money.

Mrs. Charles Miller of Gearhart, chairman of the Clatsop county league, conducted the meeting and announced that meetings will be held hercafter from 1:30 to 3:30 the third Wednesday of every month in the circuit court rooms. Membership is still open and any woman in the county, irrespective of political affiliation, is invited to attend and take part in the general program, "Know Your Own City and County."

Men and women from the various county and city offices will be obtained as speakers throughout the winter months to tell the women of the workings and purposes of their departments in an effort to educate women voters.

**Merydith Speaker**

C. S. Merydith, inspector for the state department of agriculture, was the principal speaker on "Sanitation" last evening at the regular meeting of the Clatsop county Public Health association last evening in the Flavel house.

## Educational Talks Under Way For Xmas Seal Sale

Arrangements have been made by the Christmas seal educational chairman, Mrs. Julian Falleur, and her committee, for health talks to be given throughout the county.

Dr. L. S. Goerke spoke before the students of the Star of the Sea school Friday at 2:30, telling of the work of the health unit and the Christmas seal.

The public speaking class of the Astoria high school are undertaking the subject and are being directed by Miss Isabelle Willsie, Astoria high school public speaking director, for radio broadcaste to be made in December. They will be known as the Christmas seal players.

Many groups in the county are becoming interested in the work of the Christmas seal and how it fights tuberculosis. These groups who are aiding in this work are the P-T. A. county council, city and county schools, the League of Women Voters, the Business and Professional Women's club, the Younger Business Girls, and women's clubs and church organizations.

Miss Marion Bowen will be the guest speaker November 1 at the AAUW meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Nyland, on the topic, "The Christmas Seal in Clatsop county."

## Baby Clinic Due In Warrenton

**The Clatsop county health department will conduct a baby clinic in Warrenton Tuesday, with Dr. L. S. Goerke and Miss Geraldine Burns of the department in charge. All parents of infants in the community are invited to bring their children for examination.**

**Goerke Addresses Students**

Dr. L. S. Goerke of the county health department was the speaker at a meeting of the Girls' League at Astoria high school Tuesday morning. Dr. Goerke spoke to the students on the prevention of tuberculosis. The remainder of the program consisted of a tap dance by Helen Heikkila, accompanied by Vernon Parker, and a vocal solo by Elizabeth Nilssen, accompanied by Helen Puusti. The meeting closed with group singing led by Polly Sweet.

## Seal Sale Institute Luncheon Held Wednesday P. M.

A large Christmas seal sale institute was held yesterday afternoon at a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Elliott with Mrs. E. B. Hughes, seal sale chairman, presiding. The meeting was well attended by the chairmen of the committees throughout the county, and people interested in the tuberculosis problem.

Miss Elsie Wichen, acting executive secretary of the Oregon tuberculosis association from Portland, was visiting in the city and was the guest speaker for the meeting.

Round table discussions were the feature of the afternoon session.

In her talk before the group Miss Witchen said, "In former years Clatsop county's problem was the promotion of a health unit; the problem today of Clatsop county is the support of the health unit." She commended the Clatsop unit on its work since it has been established two years ago.

The money raised in Clatsop county from the seal sale will be used for the support of the health unit.

The Christmas seals will go on sale the day after Thanksgiving and continue until Christmas. These seals are not connected with the Red Cross in any way, but are used fully to fight tuberculosis.

Miss Witchen urged every citizen to inform himself of the tuberculin tests and X-rays. She also praised the Christmas seal committees on their work with the educational program started this year throughout the schools and county.

## Mrs. Jerry Burns Of Health Group To Aid Roll Call

Another of a series of radio talks being given in behalf of the coming American Red Cross roll call will be given tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. by Mrs. Jerry Burns of the Clatsop county health department over station KAST, Astoria. Mrs. Burns will review the history of American Red Cross nursing service from its beginning 26 years ago up to the present date. She is particularly well qualified to speak on this branch of Red Cross service, having had wide experience as a public health nurse.

According to William Seeborg, roll call chairman, Manager James Wallace of radio station KAST has been most cooperative with the Clatsop county chapter, ARC in promoting these instructive and educational talks, giving the public an opportunity to learn more about what has been generally known as the greatest humanitarian organization in the world.

**Health Clinics Set**

Infant and pre-school health clinics will be held in the Hammond school at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, with Dr. L. S. Goerke Clatsop county health department chief and Geraldine Burns, public health nurse supervising the clinic. A second clinic in the department's winter program will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the Brownsmead school, with Dr. Goerke being assisted by Miss Shirley Vergeer ,head nurse for the department.

# Dr. Nellie Vernon Victim Of Auto Wreck At Warrenton

Dr. Nellie Vernon of Astoria was painfully injured at about 2:30 p. m. Wednesday when two passenger cars, one of which she was driving, and a log truck owned by Tom Collins of Seaside collided at the Warrenton Junction. Bob Flippin, the driver of the truck was not injured but the truck was turned over, spilled its load and was badly damaged.

Dr. Vernon in a light car was traveling north on the Astoria highway. Just south of the Warrenton Junction she had passed the log truck driven by Flippin. She had hardly straightened out her car when she struck a machine driven by Orthie Raymond May of route No. 1, Warrenton. Her machine was thrown across the road. Flippin made a desperate effort to avoid striking the machine, in which he wrecked his truck, but he was unable to avoid the crash as Dr. Vernon was only about 30 feet in front of him when she struck the car driven by May.

Eyewitnesses claimed that May had entered the highway from the Warrenton road without stopping, driving immediately in front of the car driven by Dr. Vernon. Unable to avoid the car, Dr. Vernon struck it and the impact swung her machine across the road directly into the path of the log truck.

Dr. Vernon was a pioneer resident of Clatsop county. She had practiced medicine in Astoria for many years and for a long time had served as county health officer.

State police and members of the sheriff's staff are investigating the crash.

# Dr. Vernon To Recover From Injury

## Veteran Physician Hurt In Motoring Accident

Dr. Nellie Vernon, city physician, who was severely injured in a bad traffic accident at Metcalf's service station by the Warrenton junction Wednesday, remains semi-conscious but will recover, her physician reported today.

Dr. Vernon was severely shaken, suffered numerous bruises of the body and brain contusion. St. Mary's hospital reported her physicial condition good, but her memory was described as hazy. The accident was a severe one to a person of her age, the attending physician said.

**Truck Hits Car**

State Trooper Victor Califf, who arrived at the scene of the accident ten minutes after it occurred, said Orthy Raymond May of Warrenton entered the highway at the junction without stopping. He turned toward Astoria and Dr. Nellie Vernon, heading for Astoria, applied the brakes on her car and swung to the left to avoid striking May's vehicle. A heavy truck, loaded with a 40-foot five-foot stick, driven by Robert E. Phippin, following Dr. Vernon's car also turned to the right to avoid a collision.

Califf said that his investigation indicated that the trailer of the truck started whipping and the heavy log was swinging to the left of the road. It crossed over to the left of the highway, breaking the trailer from the truck. This whipping of the huge log and wrecking of the trailer put the truck out of control in a plunge to the right of the road. It banged into the rear and along the right side of Dr. Vernon's car before coming to a stop on his side, the cabin badly smashed. The driver was uninjured and climbed out through the right side door of the cab.

**Thrown 20 Feet**

The investigation conducted by the officer indicated that the rear and side blow of the truck hurled the door of the city physician's car open. She was thrown 20 feet by the force of the collision, through the open door. The car and truck were considerably banged up in the crash.

Califf said no arrests had been made in the case.

# *Maternity Death Rate Here Too High, Clatsop Women Told By Health Official*

The maternity death rate in Clatsop county, which reached the high percentage of 5.2 deaths per thousand births in the five-year period from 1932 to 1937, can be greatly reduced by an adequate public health program.

That deaths at child birth are a needless sacrifice today was the conclusion of Elnora E. Thomson, professor of nursing education, University of Oregon medical school, one of three public health authorities who addressed the monthly session of the Clatsop County League of Women Voters at the Presbyterian church Wednesday.

In a poor district of Cleveland, O., where the maternal death rate was 3.6 per thousand, the speaker said, a public health educational program was put to a test, cutting down the death rate to .06. She called upon Clatsop county to lower its present average of 4.6 per cent, the same as that of the state, and suggested enlarging the public health staff.

**80 Per Cent in Hospitals**

In 1937, 80 per cent of children in Clatsop county were born in hospitals, the speaker reported, but added, "But it is not enough to have births in a hospital. Pre-natal care is necessary. Doctors cannot go out to seek patients. It is not done. Here rises the need of the public health nurse to contact mothers." She characterized the public health nurse in her relation to the medical profession as the family physician's nurse, an intermediary between the patient and the doctor. In the public nurse may be found the answer to socialized medicine, the speaker remarked.

Second of the speakers on the child welfare program of the league, which is in charge of Marian Bowen, administrator of the Clatsop county relief committee, was Louise Cottrell, executive secretary of the child state welfare commission. This organization has charge of inspecting, licensing and supervising the 14 children's institutions in Oregon. Instead of having one or more state-owned orphanages, the secretary explained, Oregon regulates private agencies which assume care of children.

**Seek Family Life**

Restoration of children in state care to normal family life is the aim of this service, the speaker told the group of 140 attending the luncheon meeting. The commission has sought to safeguard children in private boarding houses but a law extending such authority to the body was declared unconstitutional in 1934 because it applied to Multnomah county alone. Another measure in the 1937 legislature granting the desired power to the commission suffered defeat when the boarding house lobby applied pressure after it had passed one house, the secretary said. "A decided menace exists in boarding of children away from home without protection of the state," she declared.

Many youngsters in care of state-regulated institutions may not be adopted because courts, in the hope that they may be returned to their families, have assigned them only temporarily to orphanages, the commission secretary explained. Finding a suitable youngster for a suitable home is one of the tasks of the commission. What Oregon needs, said the secretary prior to opening of the meeting, is legislation similar to that in Wisconsin and other states which makes children born out of wedlock wards of the state. A shield of protection, in the absence of the father, is thus provided, it was explained, and the child may not be adopted without approval of the state.

**Dentists Elect**

The Clatsop County Dental society at its monthly meeting elected 1939 officers including Dr. O. W. Lindberg, president; Dr. Fred Lindstrom, vice-president; Dr. A. Fosdal, secretary. Dr. A. F. Weeks of Portland, X-ray specialist and diagnostician, gave a lecture and clinic on dental X-ray technic and diagnosis. Dr. Floyd De Camp, dental consultant of the state health board, told of a plan for dental relief of under-privileged children.

**Boyden Elected Chief**

Dr. Frank Boyden was elected chief of staff of the Columbia hospital medical staff at a meeting held Wednesday in the hospital's dining room, it was announced today. Elected to serve with Dr. Boyden are Dr. Lawrence Lowell, vice chief of staff, and Dr. Allen Boyden, secretary.

**Welfare Program Explained**

The child welfare program of the state relief committee was described by Alta Hoover, supervisor of the service. In 1933 children of parents on relief numbered 8,000,000, she stated. For some time relief agencies have developed child welfare work in metropolitan areas, but only recently has the service extended into rural regions. Importance of providing medical care to both parents and children was stressed by the speaker.

Mrs. Thomson, first of the speakers, was in charge of Red Cross and after the Astoria [illegible]

TUBERCULOSIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PROGRESSING

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...is program has the sanction of the Oregon tuberculosis association, and Miss Elsie Witchell, secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association states:

"Every case of tuberculosis comes from another. We know that our ...of concern for the present there ...re, is to make mothers and fathers ...ause the necessity of having their ...ldren go to doctors for physical examinations. If we can catch the disease early enough we can nearly always cure it. Then the public health mystery will solve itself."

The essay contest on "Tuberculosis" in the Clatsop county schools which is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, will close November 18. The first school reporting essays finished was John Jacob Astor. W. W. Phippeny, English instructor in the Astor school, reported 120 essays.

A. C. Hampton and Miss Ann Lewis have given splendid co-operation with the schools in this movement.

Judges for the contest are Mrs. Arthur Van Dusen, Mrs. Peter Cosovich and Mrs. J. O. Convill.

## HEALTH TO BE TOPIC OF P.-T.A. MEETING

"Health" will be the topic for the December meeting of the Central Parent-Teacher association to be held on Thursday evening, December 1. Mrs. Irving Allen will have charge of the program and Mrs. M. O. Swensen, president of the P.-T.A., will preside at the business session. Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health physician, will speak to the group on Health, and M. C. Thorn of the Pacific Power and Light company will show the motion picture shown recently for the benefit of the High School P.-T.A. on "Care of the Eyes." Several numbers will be given by the girls' glee club, under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker.

After the program refreshments will be served by the parents of the pupils in Miss Morrow's and Miss Kroeker's rooms.

# Dr. Goerke To Speak In Seaside

SEASIDE, (Special — "Health" will be the topic for discussion Thursday evening when members of the Central grade school PTA gather for their regular December meeting in the auditorium. Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health physician, will be the main speaker. The motion picture, "Care of the Eyes" will be shown at this time by M. C. Thorn of the Pacific Power and Light Co. The Girls' Glee club under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker will offer several vocal

Mrs. Irving Allen is in charge of the program and Mrs. M. O. Swenson president, will conduct the business meeting.

Refreshments will be served afterwards by parents of the pupils in Miss Doris Morrow's and Miss Jeanette Kroeker's rooms.

# Medico Talks On Measles Here Friday

Public health activities during measles outbreaks were discussed by Adolph Weinzirl, M. D., Portland city health officer, at a meeting of the Clatsop County Medical society Friday evening.

Last spring there were several thousand cases of measles in Oregon, Dr. Weinzirl said. The epidemic was halted temporarily with arrival of summer, leaving many children susceptible, which indicates that there may again be an outbreak of the disease this winter. One case has been reported in Clatsop county this winter.

According to Dr. Weinzirl, 95 per cent of the population is susceptible to measles. Seventeen per cent of the cases are in children under three years of age and it is in this seventeen per cent that more than three-fourths of the deaths from the disease occur. Consequently, it is the younger age group in which the medical profession and health departments are most interested.

**Disease Preventable**

From his personal observation of two epidemics, each involving more than 16,000 cases, Dr. Weinzirl stated that it had been conclusively proved that many of these deaths could be prevented by providing immediate adequate isolation and medical care.

Dr. Weinzirl also discussed modern methods of isolation and compared the epidemiology of measles with other diseases.

Dr. Weinzirl was assistant health officer in Seatle and Baltimore, Md., before he was appointed head of the Portland city health department several months ago. He has had extensive post graduate work in public health at John Hopkins university and with his father who is co-author of a recognized book on communicable diseases

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# Dr. Goerke Tests 157 Students From Sophomore Class

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### Several Students Need Eyes And Tonsil Care

During the past three weeks, Dr. Goerke, of the health department, has examined 15 7students in this school, most of whom are in the sophomore class. He states that, as a group, they are physically exceptionally fit.

Several students of those examined were in need of eye examinations; a number were found to have infected tonsils and other minor ailments.

The purpose of these examinations is to screen out correctible defects early, so the student can obtain care when it is easily treated, and much less expensive than later. Dental care is very important for all students; those that have had recent work done ,should return at regular intervals. Those that need it now (and there are quite a few) should try to get it as soon as possible.

**City Water Inspected**

C. E. Green, inspector for the state health department, dropped into town this week and took samples of the city water for analysis. City officials said Friday that Green had just sent them a report showing that the water continued to maintain A rating, highest possible, as it has been rated continuously for a long time.

# County-Wide Hearing Test Program Due

A county-wide program to test children for defective hearing has been made possible through the cooperation of the county and city schools and the county health department, under the direction of Dr. Carlyle Thompson, director of the division of maternal and child hygiene, Oregon State Board of Health.

Testing will be conducted during the next two weeks in grades four to eight, inclusive, and among students of all other grades who indicate a particular need. The testing is done by an audiometer technician assisted by a nurse from the Clatsop County Health department. Dr. Thompson and Mrs. Webster, district nurse, spent several days this month surveying the county and making definite arrangements for the actual conduction of the tests.

The purpose of the hearing program is to find children who have a hearing loss of any degree; to encourage study of individual children, considering school standing, behavior and physical condition; and to encourage medical and educational follow-ups. Students having any appreciable loss of hearing will be retested to determine definite loss of hearing. By the results of the tests, both parents and teachers as well as students will be aided.

Results of hearing tests in other coast counties have revealed a higher percentage of hearing defects than in inland counties. The medical profession is invited to observe conduction of the tests.

# *Morrison School Will Be Reopened, Dr. Goerke Reports*

Upon the recommendation of L. S. Goerke, county health officer, the Morrison school will be reopened Wednesday. The school was closed by the school officials after a new case of scarlet fever was reported Monday.

Persons exposed to scarlet fever usually show symptoms in 2 to 4 days and almost always within a week if they are to contact the disease as a result of any one exposure, Dr. Goerke stated. Parents must take the responsibility of keeping their children who have sore throats, headache, fever, rash or other signs of illness, at home until the child is completely well.

"If there is reason to believe the child may have a communicable disease, call the family physician or myself," Dr. Goerke said.

# *Hearing, Teeth Tests Nearly Done*

An audiometer program for testing hearing and a dental program to check teeth of Clatsop county school children, both a part of the county's public health program, is nearing completion here, Dr. L. S. Goerke, public health officer said today. Goerke said results of both programs would be accumulated nad a report filed soon.

Four per cent. of the pupils in Clatsop county have poor hearing, a survey showed. Not surprising; we didn't want to hear a lot of things teachers told us, either.

## PARENTS WARNED OF CHICKENPOX SPREAD

Parents of school children are urged by Dr. J. E. Vinson, city health officer, to cooperate with him in attempting to check the mild epidemic of chickenpox. Children should be examined for rash each morning, before going to school, and in case of rash should be sent to the health officer, instead of to school. Dr. Vinson would appreciate any cooperation from the parents.

# Goerke Talks On Eye Care In Seaside

SEASIDE (Special)—Dr. L. S. Goerge, new county health officer, spoke to members of the central grade school P.-T. A. Thursday evening in the auditorium on tuberculosis. M. C. Thorn of the Paficic Power and Light Co. presented a motion picture on the "Care of the Eyes" and members of the Girls' Glee club gave two vocal numbers, under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker

Refreshments were later served by the mothers of the children in Miss Rose McCormick's and Miss Doris Morrow's rooms. Mrs. Irving Allen was in charge of the program. Conducting the business meeting was Mrs. M. O. Swenson, president of the group.

An announcement was made at this time of the County Congress of P. T. A. which will meet at Hammond next Tuesday at the school, beginning with a pot luck at 12:30 a. m. This meeting is held every two months.

## Audiometer Testing Shown

Miss Patricia Keller, public health nurse in charge of audiometer testing, is shown here giving a test to a Captain Robert Gray school pupil.

# 4 Per Cent Pupils Have Poor Hearing

### 1837 Children Tested By County's Audiometer

A hearing test of 1094 Clatsop county school children and 793 Astoria school pupils was completed recently by the county health department, the results indicating an average of about 4 per cent of the students do not have normal hearing.

Dr. L. S. Goerke, chief of the public health unit here, said today that 43 of the 1094 county school children tested were found possessing defective hearing for a percentage of 4 and that 3.8 per cent or 39 of the city's 793 tested pupils failed to register normal reactions to the audiometer, that was supervised by Miss Patricia Keller, public health nurse in charge of the audiometer testing.

**Five Grades Tested**

Testing was done among nearly all students in the fourth to ninth grades inclusive and on some students in the high school. The audiometer machine was used here for the first time this year. Children in classroom groups of 40 were issued earphones and they recorded reactions to numbers and tones electrically reproduced through the earphones from a phonograph record.

Dr. Goerke said results have been classified according to degree and types of auditory defects and will be used as basis for further medical and educational remedies applied to handicapped students. He said that frequently students with slight hearing defects are believed inferior in classroom work, when the real cause of difficulty is their inability to hear clearly instructions offered by teachers.

**Performance May Improve**

By singling out these children, applying possible remedies and making allowances for hearing defects, their performance may improve, he said. Dr. Goerke said results of testing here are generally the same as those from other parts of the state, where the audiometer has been widely used.

On January 13 the Clatsop County Medical society will discuss results of the testing, with a Portland eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr. Ralph Fenton, listed as special speaker.

# School Clinics Will Start This Month, Says Dr. Goerke

Immunization and vaccination clinics will be commenced in the Clatsop county schools this month, Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, has announced. Slips are being passed out in the schools, and the child or parent is requested to fill out each blank completely.

A scar on the arm or leg will indicate whether or not the child has been vaccinated for small pox, the health officer stated. If there is no scar, it is evident that the child has not had successful immunization. Because there has been a recent increase in small pox throughout Oregon, a special effort is being made for one hundred per cent immunization.

Pupils who are entering schools for the first time this semester can obtain the required physical examination by calling at the county health office on the second floor of the Flavel Memorial building, Wednesday or Friday afternoons, January 11 or 13, from one until five, or Saturday morning, January 14, from nine until 12.

## Baby Clinic Due In Warrenton High

WARRENTON, (Special) — A free baby clinic will be held in the domestic science room in the gymnasium of the Warrenton high school Tuesday afternoon, January 10, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. Dr. Goerke and Mrs. G. Burns of the Clatsop county health unit will be in charge and all parents are urged to bring infants and pre-school children for an examination. Innoculations and vaccinations will be given at this time if so desired.

# New School Term Begins On Jan. 20

All pupils of the Astoria public schools are to report to their respective buildings Friday morning, January 20, at 9 o'clock, Superintendent A. C. Hampton announced Tuesday. This includes all children who are entering the first grade of the schools this semester. Children entering the first grade must be 6 years of age, or 6 within two months from the opening of the new semester.

It will be necessary for all children who are entering the Astoria schools for the first time to visit the Clatsop County Health department office before Monday, January 23. The county health department is located in the Flavel house, second floor. Examinations will be given on the following days:

Wednesday, January 11, in the afternoon. Saturday, January 14, in the morning. Wednesday, January 18, in the afternoon.

Children should be accompanied by their parents or some responsible person while visiting the health department, said Hampton.

# Well-Child Clinic Held In Warrenton

WARRENTON (Special) — The most successful well child conference ever held in Warrenton took place Tuesday afternoon at the Warrenton school when 20 children passed through the clinic. Immunizations for diphtheria and vaccinations for smallpox were given. Miss Ethel Buchanan and Mrs. Jesse Lee of the Warrenton PTA which [illegible] the clinics assisted [illegible] county health doctor, and Miss [illegible]

# Many Pupils Found With Tooth Defects

Teeth of 1738 Astoria and Clatsop county pupils were examined during November and December by local dentists and county health nurses in cooperation with city and county school officials, it was indicated today in a report released by Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health physician.

Georke's report pointed out special attention was directed to first and second grade students, since in this age group detection of dental defects is most important for early correction and prevention of further deterioration.

**Many Have Defects**

Of the 582 first and second graders examined, only 21.8 per cent were found to be completely free from dental defects. Twenty-five per cent or 146 students were found to be in urgent need of dental care. Seventy-one per cent required fillings, although 40 per cent of the number already had fillings. Eighteen per cent needed extraction, and 5.3 per cent of the number have malocclusions, that is irregular growing teeth interfering with proper chewing or mastication of food necessary to digestion.

Blue cards were sent home with all students examined who required dental correction, to be returned to the school when the correction is made. More than 20 per cent of the cards have been returned, indicating that the child's teeth have been cared for.

An effort is also being made to assist those children having economic difficulties in obtaining the proper dental correction.

## *Scarlet Fever Cases Reported From Over County*

Several cases of scarlet fever were reported to the county health physician this week from points throughout Clatsop county, it was reported today. However Dr. L. S. Goerke, county physician, declined to consider the reports indicative of a serious epidemic.

Two cases were reported from the Jeffers Garden community, two from Astoria, one from Morison, three from Warrenton and seven from the area around Westport. Dr. Goerke said several persons have applied for tests at the county offices in the Flavel building.

# New Lighting For Seaside School Sought

SEASIDE—(Special)—Hope that a new lighting system could be provided for Central grade school in the near future was expressed by members of the P-TA Thursday night at the regular monthly meeting when that group agreed to stand behind the school board in any attempt which might be made to secure a new lighting system. At the present time the services of the Pacific Power & Light company have been accepted for a preliminary survey. Although the condition of the lights at the grade school is not as defective as that of the high school before that system was exchanged for a new one, there have been numerous complaints on the poor lights. Suggestions were also made at the time that a new bicycle shed be provided as well as a new playground shed. This is the first time there has been agitation for these.

Father John Dunne of the Catholic church was the main speaker for the meeting prepared by Mrs. L. A. Christensen and he spoke in line with the topic for the day, "The Democratic Way of Living for a Democratic Government." Mrs. Christensen also reviewed the objectives for study of this subject. The main fact stressed was that in order to have a democratic government we must first have democracy in the home, living democratically with one another, respecting the individuality and rights of the persons in the home. The teaching of more democracy in the school was also mentioned, as well, as the importance of a constructive home background.

Mrs. Henry Hill also discussed the activities of the study club group in relation to the same topic, "Living Together in the Home" as the topic for discussion deals with security in the home under which are the sub topics of freedom in the home whereby the child makes his own decision recieves understanding and a guarding of his personality as a precious right and dwells in a safe, wholesome, sanitary environment with provision for privacy. He recieves training in self-discipline and is allowed to make his own mistake to a certain extent and thereby profit from them.

Pupils in the eighth grade under Miss Henningsen were also presented in a demonstration of their English class work.

Refreshments were later served by the parents of students in Mrs. Sig Young's class. About 50 persons were present.

# Health, Education Studied, Seaside

SEASIDE. (Special) — "Health and Education in the City and County" was the subject discussed at the meeting of the study club of the League of Women voters Monday evening in the council chamber of the city hall for which Dr. S. L. Goerke of Astoria and S. W. Babcock, principal of the Central grade school were the main speakers. Dr. Goerke, speaking on health in Clatsop County stressed the need of suitable places in which to take care of tuberculosis patients in Clatsop county, there being none whatever at the present time. He expressed the hope of having a drive whereby children in this county would take tuberculin tests as well as the parents of the children exposed. The fact that Clatsop county has the lowest rating in Oregon in regards to facilities for the appropriate care of tuberculosis patients.

S. W. Babcock spoke in behalf of education, answering questions in the regular outline of the study group and his talk was followed by a discussion in which all participated. Babcock next read and explained an outline prepared by Miss Anne Lewis who was unable to attend, in which further questions in the outline were answered.

## Clinic Due In Svensen

SVENSEN. (Special)- The Clatsop county health department under the direction of the health officer, Dr. Goerke, and County Nurse Miss Virgeer, will hold a well baby and preschool clinic on January 12 at 1:30 p. m. The clinic will be held at the Svensen school. Immunization will be offered.

**Medical Society Meeting**

Dr. Ralph Fenton, Portland eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and Dr. Carlyle Thompson, head of the child maternal health division of the state public health service, will be speakers before the Clatsop County Medical society tonight at 7 o'clock in the Imperial grill. The business session will follow a regular dinner meeting at 6 o'clock.

## VOTERS' GROUP HEARS HEALTH DISCUSSION

The Gearhart and Seaside study groups of the Clatsop County League of Women voters enjoyed interesting talks and discussions of "Health and Education" at the city hall Monday evening.

S. W. Babcock, principal of the Central school, gave some interesting facts in his talk on "Education in Your City" and answered questions. Dr. L. S. Goerke of Astoria, county health officer told of the need of help for tuberculosis patients.

Dr. Goerke declared that Clatsop county has the largest number of tuberculosis patients in Oregon. Miss Anne Lewis, county school superintendent, who was unable to attend, sent some facts for discussion.

# Dr. Mount Heads Board Of Health

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—Dr. Frank Mount of Portland has been named president of the state board of health for 1939, it was announced here. Dr. W. J. Weese, Ontario, Oregon., will serve as vice-president, with Dr. Frederick Stricker, Portland, remaining as executive secretary and state health officer.

**Medical Society Meets**

Drs. Ralph Fenton and Carlyle Thompson of Portland addressed more than 12 members of the Clatsop County Medical society last night at the Imperial grill, the former talking on hearing defects and their causes among children and the latter discussing the state department of health's audiometer testing program. Dr. Fenton is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist while Dr. Thompson heads the child maternal division of the state department of health.

# Health Society Elects

## Dr. Allen Boyden Leader For 1939

Dr. Allan Boyden was elected president of the Clatsop County Health Association at the annual meeting held last evening at Bartlett's Cafe. Other officers for 1939 are Dr. L. M. Lowell, vice-president; Mrs. Vern Olney of Hammond, secretary; Mrs. Guy N. Hickok, treasurer; Ben Burns, recreational, and Willilam Seborg, education. The retiring officers were Dr. R. W. Kullberg, president; Mrs. Fred Jensen, vice-president; Mrs. Abbey Frair, secretary; Mrs. A. E. Beard, treasurer, and Mrs. Clem Ingalls, publicity. The offices of publicity and membership were consolidated into the educational committee.

Reports of committee chairmen indicated considerable progress being made in public health work in the county. The seal sale committee comprised of Mrs. E. B. Hughes, chairman, Mrs. George Garret, treasurer, and Mrs. L. S. Goerke, secretary, reported that the sale of tuberculosis seals this year was substantially better than the year before.

**Kullberg Outlines 1938 Work**

The retiring president outlined briefly the work which had been done during the past year and expressed his keen appreciation for the excellent work done by the officers and lay members of the association, saying that although they were officially out of office, they were not retiring as workers for the cause of public health. He cited the fine work being done by the health center in checking up on the health condition of people throughout the county and in county and city schools, stressing the fact the numerous cases of tuberculosis and other communicable diseases had been caught in their early stages, making a cure possible and avoiding a greater spread of the diseases.

Dr. L. S. Goerke of the health center also briefly outlined the work which had been done by his office and expressed his appreciation to the staff, which he says is working overtime. He said that the ideal ratio of public health nurses to population is one nurse to 4,000 people and that here in Clatsop county we have one nurse to more than 11,000 persons.

**Boyden Compliments Officers**

Dr. Boyden, the in-coming president, complimented the out-going officers for their splendid work in building the Association to its present size and for doing the splendid work toward eliminating needless suffering through illness. He outlined briefly some of his objectives, stressing particularly the need for additional nurses and a sanitary engineer for the county.

The principal speaker was Dr. Robert Joseph of the Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at Salem. He showed numerous x-ray films, tracing the history of tuberculosis in families where this was not checked and the cures affected by early and deliberate care. He said that a good many counties in the state, including Clatsop, were over-quotaed and stages of tuberculosis might be cared for in order that a cure might be affected.

**More Beds Needed**

He also pointed out that a good many beds in the hospitals both at Salem and The Dalles were occupied by patients who were apparently so far advanced in the disease as to be incurable and that some means whereby they could be cared for elsewhere so that those beds might be released for cases where cure was possible would be very desirable. He pointed out that health associations such as the one here were doing wonderful work in discovering the disease before it became too far advanced and that a good many lives have been and will have been saved as the result of such work.

More than 40 members were in attendance.

Dr. Boyden said that a program of motion pictures on health conditions would be instituted and that authoritative speakers would be brought here periodically for educational purposes.

# Health Tests For Pupils Being Urged

With schools scheduled to open for the spring term on Monday, January 23, the following statement was issued in connection with the opening from the office of School Superintendent A. C. Hampton:

"All pupils of the Astoria public schools are to report to their respective buildings Friday morning, January 20, at 9 o'clock. This includes all children who are entering the first grade of the schools this semester. Children entering the first grade must be six years of age, or six within two months from the opening of the new semester.

"All children who are entering school for the first time and have not been examined by the health department, must go to the health department on Wednesday afternoon, January 18, as this is the only day for children to be examined before entering school on Friday, January 20. The Clatsop county health department is located on the second floor of the Flavel house. Children should be accompanied by their parents or some responsible person while visiting the health department."

# Pre-School Clinic Due, Brownsmead

BROWNSMEAD. (Special) — There will be another clinic for children of pre-school age on Thursday afternoon, January 26, in the Brownsmead schoolhouse, Dr. R. S. Goerke and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., of Astoria, will be in charge of the affair. Mothers are urged to bring their children to this clinic for examinations.

GUARDING HEALTH

[illegible] association, working in cooperation with the new county health unit, has wound up an important year's work in guarding the health and lifes of Clatsop county people.

The new health unit has proved its worth in its short period of existence here, having undoubtedly prevented much disease and probably saved some lives by its work in the schools and among pre-school children in discovering latent disease and making possible its prevention.

The health association and the health unit have outlined a more ambitious program of work for 1939, work which should be appreciated by citizens of the county, who probably do not realize how much benefit they get out of these activities.

# Educational Health Work Is Projected

Plans for a series of educational programs depicting public health work and disease prevention, particularly of communicable diseases, were made last night at a business meeting of the Clatsop County Health association held at the Flavel building. The plans call for the showing of authoritative pictures, both silent and talking, with capable speakers to explain in detail the nature of each disease and its control.

The association feels that programs of this nature are of vital importance and of great interest to the public in that they bring to the people the knowledge needed for better community health, in a manner readily understood by all and at the same time interesting. The first of these programs will be announced soon and research is now being made as to the best films and speakers procurable.

It was felt, that in order to do the greatest amount of good in public health work in the county, that the people should be given an opportunity to see and know of the work being done and in that way, invite their cooperation in furthering this work.

**HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS**

Election of officers of the Clatsop County Public Health association will be held at a dinner meeting Friday at 6:30 p. m. at the Elliott coffee shop.

Dr. R. W. Kullberg, president, has announced that the guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Robert E. Joseph, of the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital in Salem.

Anyone interested may attend the dinner and reservations may be placed by calling 311.

Mrs. E. B. Hughes, seal sale chairman, will report on the seal drive campaign in Clatsop county.

# *Immunization To Be Offered High School Students January 31*

BY MISS VERGIER

Not so many years ago, smallpox was such a scourge that not being poch-marked was an identifying characteristic. Since the discovery of vaccination as a sure preventative, smallpox became the unusual instead of the common. Most European countries and some of our states require a successful vaccination before admission to school. These countries are now free of this disease. Many places where vaccination was not required adopted the measure freely with excellent results. So excellent, in fact, that people are forgetting the danger of this unnecessary disease.

Last year Oregon had over 600 cases, some very severe and all more so than two years ago. At present, two counties have had to require vaccination of every school pupil or two weeks exclusion because small pox is prevalent. Theaters and public meeting places have been closed.

Clatsop county has been very fortunate so far but with modern transportation, a hundred miles is no longer a sage barrier.

Everyone understands the importance of immunization against diphtheria. Fatality in this disease runs high, two cases in Astoria during 1938, of which one died. Both patients were of high school age.

Immunization and vaccination will be offered free in your school January 31, when the first dose of toxoid will be given. The second dose plus vaccination will be done February 14.

Slips will be handed out to each student the week of the twenty-third. No one will be treated without a permit signed by parents.

Vaccinations should be repeated every four years—immunizations should not be repeated unless you have first had a check for immunity.

We'll be looking for a large turnout—let us protect ourselves whenever possible.

# Births For 1938 Down 49

## Health Department Presents Report

The Clatsop county department of health's report for 1938, released today listed a total of 583 reported cases of communicable diseases during that period, headed by the childhood diseases of chickenpox (89), measles (49), scarlet fever (52) and whooping cough (50).

There were 23 cases of tuberculosis reported, 38 cases of pneumonia, 11 cases of Vincent's angina, 37 cases of influenza and 5 cases of erysipelas. During the year, 16 cases of syphilis and 38 cases of gonorrhea were reported to the health offices in the Flavel building.

Births were 49 less than those of 1937 but were seven above the total for 1936, last year's total being 294. Deaths fell off to a low point for three years, 220 being reported compared with 236 in 1937 and 260 in '36.

**Immunization Work**

An extensive immunization program is indicated in the year's work summary, the report listing 495 immunizations for small pox and 521 for diphtheria. Forty-four cases of venereal disease were admitted to medical service, with 13 transferred to private physicians. Clinic treatments numbered 580.

In the tuberculosis control program 2438 tuberculin tests were given with 268 positive reactors listed. X-ray examinations numbered 254.

The health department rushed forward its school hygiene program with 7854 inspections by physicians and nurses, including examinations of teeth, nose and throat, heart, thyroid, vision, hearing and hernia.

**Many Operations**

The department performed 120 tonsil and adenoid operations in the morbidity service, 380 clinic visits, 239 medical visits and 161 field nursing visits.

The program of the health department included 12 major classifications and in addition to detection, therapeutic and prevention work it provided an extensive education program, with lectures and instructional periods that were well attended.

In addition to this work there were medical examinations given to 628 food handlers and 142 milk handlers during the period.

The health unit here is headed by Dr. L. S. Goerke who is assisted by Shirley Vergeer, Mrs. Geraldine Kent Burns, public health nurses, and Aini Tihila, secretary to the department.

**To Speak Before Club**

Dr. Allan Boyden, local physician, and Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, will speak before the monthly study group meeting of the Clatsop County League of Women Voters Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the courthouse room of the organization. Their subject will be "Child Welfare."

# Dr. Goerke Speaker For Rotary Club

Speaking before the Rotary club and Gyro guests, Dr. L. S. Goerke, head of the county health service, sounded a warning against the scourge of social diseases which infect more than a million Americans annually and advocated a sound program of prevention and control to reduce its prevalence.

Because of the nature of such diseases, there has been a taboo against public recognition of them, he said, with the result that they have spread unchecked, taking a heavy toll of life and health and creating a tremendous source of expense and economic loss to the nation. Syphilis in its primary stages can be secured by continued treatment, he said, but the danger comes from the patient thinking that the arresting of the first symptoms is a cure with the result that the disease recurs in worse stages 20 years later. These diseases are communicable, he said, and can be passed from mother to child. Blindness, deafness, insanity and many other afflictions result from the disease, he said.

He advocated frequent and general tests for symptoms of the diseases and clinics which will insure free tests and treatment for the indigent and free medicine furnished to physicians to reduce their charges to their patients. By such a system, Sweden has reduced the prevalence of these diseases to a negligible point, he said.

## County Court Starts 1929 With New Man

Here is the Clatsop county court as it is now constituted, following accession of John Slotte to the post formerly held by William Larson for many years. From left to right, Slotte, Judge Guy Boyington and James Elliott.

## Attending Laboratory Ceremony Today

Among the guests at the dedication ceremony of the new food industries laboratory here today are these people. From left, Herbert Howell, Astor experiment station director; Clatsop county commissioner John Slotte; County Judge Guy Boyington; M. R. Chessman, chairman of the Clatsop county planning council and member of the state fish commission; Dr. Frederick Hunter, chancellor of the state board of higher education. The photograph was made on an earlier visit of Chancellor Hunter to the laboratory. A-B photo

## *New X-Ray Equipment In Use*

Joe Donner, Brownsmead's amateur horse doctor, who was kicked by his steed during treating of a leg injury, is shown above being X-rayed by St. Mary'snew equipment, an 85,000-volt Diadex mobile bedside unit. Left to right, Joe and his injured right leg, Mrs. Grace Hartley, secretary; Dr. Paul O. Meyer, Roentgenologist, Miss Violet Anderson, senior nurse; and Sister Mary Lillian, technician.

# St. Marys Hospital Gets New X-Ray

Both Astoria hospitals are now equipped with portable X-ray units. St. Mary's hospital today announced the installation of an 85,000-volt bedside X-ray machine.

Why this equipment is needed in up-to-date hospitalization is explained in the following statement, prepared by St. Mary's hospital:

"The addition of this bedside X-ray unit to the diagnostic facilities of St. Mary's hospital is an evidence that it is incumbent on any institution to keep pace with the rapid progress in medical science in collaboration with modern engineering and up-to-date hospitalization, in a united effort to bring comfort and competent treatment to the patients in its local vicinity and surrounding districts.

"The Diadex Mobile Bedside X-Ray unit is a splendidly balanced modern design purchased directly from the Westinghouse X-Ray company, Long Island City, New York.

"This unit is equipped with facilities to do any type of radiographic and fluoroscopic work at the bedside with a minimum of discomfort to the patient.

"It is a shock-proof machine: a feature that is very consoling to a weak, nervous patient and also assuring to the roentgenologist or technician that the patient will maintain the correct position.

"An outstanding feature of this bedside unit is the flexibility of its collapsible tube stand which permits the tube to travel high enough to permit exposures at today's rather long target film distance and to drop low enough when a non-ambulent patient is to be fluoroscoped.

"Many former hospital patients are, I dare say, still haunted by the very unpleasant memories of being lifted from a comfortable bed on to a very uncomfortable stretcher and of being wheeled through long corridors to an elevator, where they were breathlessly lifted up many stories to the X-ray department, and there, transferred to the X-ray table for a picture and then the same doleful procedure to return. The new portable X-ray removes all this inconvenience to the very ill patient without any extra charge other than the regular picture taken in the X-ray department.

"This is another step forward in the field of hospital administration to assure the public that hospital executives, in cooperation with the medical profession and other health workers, are constantly looking for better ways of caring for the patient and of making them available as soon as they can financially do so."

# Dr. Allison To Discuss Social Ills

Dr. Samuel Allison, director of the division of venereal diseases for the state department of health, will be in Astoria Thursday to deliver an address on the control and effects of syphilis and will show a motion picture on the disease at the monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday in the assembly room of the Flavel building. It will be open to all adults and should prove most interesting in that it shows the various phases of syphilis from the time it is contacted as well as the attempts made to control it.

Dr. Allison is well known throughout the northwest for his work in the control of communicable diseases and travels extensively, giving lectures and showing films, which are all authentic and approved by the Oregon State Board of Health. The films contain nothing of a vulgar nature, but because of the nature of the subject, are intended for adults only. All parents are urged to see the pictures and hear Dr. Allison, according to Dr. L. S. Goerke, director of the county health center, who was in Portland recently to make the arrangements for the appearance here of Dr. Allison and to preview the films to be shown here. The lecture and the pictures are both timely in view of the fact that work of national scope is being instituted for the prevention and control of syphilis. No admission will be charged, as this is part of the educational program of the health association.

Dr. Allison will speak over station KAST Thursday at 5 p. m. on the control of communicable diseases.

Organizations in outlying communities, interest in having health programs presented at their meetings, are asked to communicate with Dr. Goerke or with William Seeborg, chairman of education for the health association.

# *3000 Brotherhood Members See Syphilis Films*

More than 300 persons attended the Finnish Brotherhood meeting last night when the state board of health's film on syphilis was displayed in the first of seven listed showings before civic and fraternal groups in Astoria.

The film portrays the origins, spread and method of controlling the dread venereal disease, which each year takes a horrible toll of lives in the United States and is the keystone malady for numerous other diseases that contribute suffering to millions of persons.

The movie is being exhibited throughout the state by the venereal disease department of the state health board and was shown here under auspices of the Clatsop County Health association, as the first feature of the association's vigorous 1939 educational program.

William Seeborg, public relations director for the association, translated text accompanying the film [illegible] the benefit of the [illegible] at Astoria last night in the assembly hall of the county's health unit in the Flavel building, 8:00 o'clock.

# Health Body Sets Program For Tonight

The first of a new series of educational programs of the Clatsop County Health association for 1939 will be presented this evening at 8 o'clock in the assembly room of the Flavel building. The programs will deal mainly with the prevention and control of communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, venereal diseases and others.

Tonight's program will consist of the showing of motion pictures regarding the control of syphilis and a lecture accompanying the picture by Dr. Samuel Allison, director of the department of venereal diseases for the state department of health.

Dr. Allison, who is an authority on communicable diseases, will deliver a 15-minute radio address over station KAST at 5 p. m. today. He will describe briefly the work of the health associations throughout the state and particularly the state department of health in the control of these diseases.

The program tonight is open to adults only, and because of the importance of the subject to be discussed, folks, particularly parents of maturing children, are urged to come early.

Attempts will be made by the local association for the showing of educational films throughout the county and organizations interested in having them presented are asked to contact either Dr. L. S. Goerke, director of the Clatsop County Health unit or William Seeborg, chairman of education for the health association, which plans to hold one educational program each month during the coming year at which time authoritative speakers and motion pictures will be presented.

**Film to Be Shown Again**

The educational motion picture on syphilis which was shown at the monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association meeting last Thursday and which was held over for additional showing, has created such great demand that it already has been scheduled for five presentations this week. The picture will be shown Monday at the Finnish Brotherhood meeting; Tuesday at the Junior Service club, Wednesday at the Rotary club, Thursday at the meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge and Friday at the city employees meeting. Dr. L. S. Goerke, director of the Clatsop County Health unit, will explain the pictures as well as answer questions. A translation into Finnish of the topic matter of the picture will be made by William Seeborg, chairman of education for the health association at the Finnish Brotherhood meeting.

**Will Show Film**

The venereal disease moving picture being shown at various meetings in the city under auspices of the Clatsop County Public Health association will get what will perhaps be its last local showing tonight at 8 o'clock at a meeting of the City Employes association in Uppertown fire station, with the public invited. Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, will show the film. Last night William Seeborg showed it at a meeting in the IOOF hall. An effort is being made to hold the film over for further showings, and any group interested is asked to get in touch with Seeborg.

# Crowd Fires Questions At Dr. Allison

A capacity audience, the largest group ever to assemble at an Clatsop County Health association meeting, gathered in the assembly room of the Flavel building last evening to witness the showing of an excellent 1600 foot motion picture on syphilis and to hear Dr. Samuel Allison, director of the division of venereal diseases for the state department of health, lectured on the picture and answered questions. So great was the interest that Dr. Allison was called on to answer questions for more than an hour. This was the first of a series of monthly educational programs which will be presented by the Clatsop County Health association on various communicable diseases and other health problems, using the medium of motion pictures, slides and authoritative speakers.

Dr. Allison, in the course of his lecture and in answering questions brought out several pertinent facts, among them, that of all the people in the United States, one out of ten either is affected at the present time or will at some time be infected unless great efforts are made to wipe out the disease. He said that this could be done if every person submitted himself to a blood test because in this manner the disease would be discovered, treated and finally eliminated. In the Scandinavian countries, particularly Sweden, syphilis has been almost entirely eliminated, especially since the World war, by a very definite compulsory method of checking and treating all infected persons and tracing the infection to its source.

**Can Be Quarantined**

When asked whether or not a case of syphilis could be legally quarantined, Dr. Allison answered that it comes under the same category as other communicable diseases such as small pox, diphtheria, etc. and that unless a patient submitted to treatment, they could be quarantined. He also pointed out that treatment is available to all, even those without funds, in that the state, in cooperation with the county, health units has made available the necessary drugs and medical services for these cases.

The picture, which dealt with the various phases of syphilis from the time of infection to its various stages, was most interesting and educational. It answered the questions; what is syphilis, how is it contracted, can it be cured and how is the cure accomplished? It also showed some of the results of the disease on individual ,such as blindness, mental disorders ,etc. The pictures showed some of the methods used in treating exceptional cases which did not respond to the ordinary treatment, one of them being the use of fever cabinets.

**Dr. Boyden Presides**

Dr. Allan Boyden, president of the Clatsop County Health association presided at the meeting and in introducing the speaker and the film, said that the purpose of the programs is to convey to the public, education on all phases of health work in a manner which would be readily understood by all lay persons. Dr. L. S. Goerke, director of the County Health Unit made the arrangements for the appearance here of Dr. Allison. It was stated that the film would be available for showing to interested groups in the county during the next week or ten days. Anyone interested is asked to communicate with either Dr. Goerke or William Seeborg, chairman of education for the health association.

**Can Hold Films**

[illegible] eight different places during the past week and interest in it has been so great that the Clatsop County Health association, sponsors of the program, decided to try to hold it over. A number of showings have already been scheduled for next week, among them two showings for Wednesday night; at the Hammond P. T. A. and the Netel Grange. Any group interested in having the pictures shown and explained is asked to contact William Seeborg, director of public relations for the health association or Dr. Georke. The picture was shown last night at a meeting of the city employees at the uppertown fire station to a large and appreciative group. Dr. Georke explained the picture and answered numerous questions following the showing. This is the first of a series of monthly educational features in communicable disease education, according to Dr. Georke future programs to deal with other communicable diseases and health problems.

**Will Show Film Again**

The anti-syphilis film which has been shown extensively here the past several days under auspices of the Clatsop County Public Health association is being held over until tomorrow night, association officials said. It will be shown twice tonight, before the Hammond PTA at 8 and before Netel Grange at 10. It will be shown before a meeting in the Labor temple tomorrow night.

**Will Show Film**

With the barbers' union as sponsor, the state health department's syphilis film which has been shown several times lately in this city, will be exhibited once again tonight at a meeting in the Labor temple to which the public is invited.

# PTA Family Night Set In Hammond

HAMMOND (Special) — The Hammond-Fort Stevens PTA will observe "family night" at its April meeting, an annual event for all interested in the school. A potluck dinner will be served, with Mrs. Chris Simonsen as general chairman, it was decided at last week's meeting.

The group elected Mrs. Lawrence Rogers, president; Mrs. Adler Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. Edgar Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. Louise Taylo[illegible] third vice-president, Mrs. Merton Olney secretary, and Richard Van Hine treasurer.

Dr. L. S. Goerke, county health officer, assisted by Roy Ness, showed a moving picture on venereal diseases and answered questions on the subject.

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## Three Oregon Counties Score in Health Contest

WASHINGTON, May 2.-(AP)-The city of Cleveland was awarded first place today among the nation's largest cities in the 1938 city and rural health conservation contest of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Ranking just behind Cleveland, with awards of merit, were Buffalo, N. Y., and Pittsburgh. These were in group 1 of cities with a population of 500,000 or more.

Cities of 250,000 to 500,000 population, first place went to Providence, R. I. An award of merit went to Dallas, Texas.

Cities of 100,000 to 250,000—Grand Rapids, Mich.

50,000 to 100,00—Newton, Mass.

20,000 to 50,000—Plainsfield, N. J.

Under 20,000—Englewood, N. J.

The winner in a syphilis control contest was Louisville, Ky.

Competition in the rural health contest was among units in different geographical divisions.

The winner of the Western division was Los Angeles county, California. Awards of merit went to Wasco county, Oregon; Clallam county, Washington; Marion county, Oregon; Jackson county, Oregon; Spokane county, Washington and Whitman county, Washington, tied.

In the North Central division an award of merit was granted to Gallatin county, Montana.

In the South Central division awards of merit were granted to Dallas county, Tyler-Smith county, Texas, and St. Marys parish, Louisiana.

Previously announced awards in a nationwide fire waste contest also were presented today.

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## HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE

The Clatsop County Health Association last week sponsored the showing [illegible] motion pictures on venereal disease, its [illegible], control and prevention. The film's appearance at this time is under the auspices of the Oregon state board of health and is being shown throughout the state in an effort to [illegible] to extend interest to more desirable [illegible] for [illegible].

This is but one in a series of educational lectures and films scheduled for Astoria by the local association. Until this year the local health group has struggled against public inertia in matters pertaining to public health. Born several years ago of a worthy ideal it realized but little remedied need, the association's major accomplishment to date was [illegible] the Flavel building its present quarters and [illegible] by an alert, able and personable secretary of public health, Dr. L. S. Goerke. Now the association proposes to enlarge its horizon by spreading the causes and results of [illegible] disease before Clatsop county's public.

The appearance of this one film on syphilis is a fine public service. Before Surgeon-General Parran of the federal government launched his campaign to remove discussion of syphilis from the closets and into the streets, people in this country, more than in more cosmopolitan countries, considered it a "fact of life to be discussed out behind the barn."

This condition, springing largely from Victorian morality, contributed to the rapid spread of a disease which annually kills, cripples and drives insane millions of once-well American persons. Medical men know of the maladies that spring from syphilis; that the source of many violent diseases is to be found in the venereal root. And when they are grouped in the mortality records under their proper classification, the deaths from this previously hush-hushed bug are astounding.

The film recently displayed here shocked some persons into a new appreciation of the dire need for control. While this country has struggled against economic conditions that have left the nation "one-third ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed" bloodless public interest has left thousands of persons exposed to far greater dangers.

It is with this condition, and other rotten health practices, that the local association is concerned. And those who profess humanitarian interest in the welfare of the under-privileged, aged and infirm are being grossly inconsistent in ignoring a health program that would protect exposed children, men and women from disease.

The [illegible] annually [illegible] for tuberculosis control in Clatsop county. Eighty per cent of the funds collected here stay at home for control of the disease in our own back yards.

The association makes a simple request and a cheap one. It wants less of money than of public interest—attendance at its meetings, cooperation by parents of children in a tuberculin testing program.

Because it is founded on a program of making us well, the Clatsop County Health association deserves support of all organizations and individuals. To react otherwise is to ignore dangers that attack millions every day—and some day might strike at home.

# *Dust Bowl Fugitives Here Parents Of Daughter Born In Automobile Trailer*

Until Wednesday there were five people living in a weathered automobile trailer, their home for the past four years, at Thirty-fourth and Lief Erickson drive.

Today there are six in the little brown trailer to survive on the same WPA checks for two weeks of work every month. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Jundt, Dakota "dust bowl" immigrants, Wednesday. The healthy child was brought to the confines of the trailer's walls by Colonel Robert C. Murphy, U. S. army medical officer at Fort Stevens, who had taken over five maternity cases from the over-burdened county physician. The army officer's pay comes in the currency known as "civic duty."

Little Laberta was born during the week that her father was off from the WPA job. He was busy at home today getting the house cleaned up and putting out the washing. Next week he goes on the WPA job again for seven days. Then follows a vacation and another seven days on the payroll.

**Farming Not Successful**

Jundt tried farming near Seaside after he was forced out of the "dust bowl," but hard as he worked he made only $9 a month. He had three children at the time. The oldest, a son, is now 10; two daughters, 8 and 6 years old. He himself is 35.

Unable to earn a living for his family on the farm, Jundt built a trailer in which he established a home for his family. It is double-lined and warm "too warm," he remarked today as he came out from his housekeeping labors to talk to the press. Colonel Murphy said the man is eager and able to work. The army officer who has donated his services to public welfare more than is generally known acquainted Mrs. Eathel Moore, the Astorian-Budget's correspondent at Hammond, of the baby's birth which otherwise would not have made its way into the press until the annual report on vital statistics was made.

Mother and daughter are doing well.

## *Health Group Will Hear Report On Seal Selling*

The regular monthly business meeting of the Clatsop County Health association will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the assembly room of the Flavel building. The final report on the recent tuberculosis seal sale will be made by Mrs. E. B. Hughes, chairman of the drive. Other committee chairmen will also make their reports on activities for February.

Further plans for showing the motion pictures on communicable diseases will be discussed along with plans for the coming monthly educational meeting, to take place in about two weeks.

**Address Voters League**

Dr. Allen Boyden and Dr. L. S. Goerke of Astoria addressed a recent meeting of the Westport-Wauna branch of th Clatsop County League of Women Voters in Westport, outlining the public health activities and preventive medicine program in progress in the county. Twenty club members and 11 guests heard the talks.

**Miss Vergeer To Portland**

Miss Shirley Vergeer, head public health nurse for the county health department here, is in Portland this week-end visiting her parents.


**TONIGHT**

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## 15 Children Examined

BROWNSMEAD—(Special)—Fifteen children were examined Thursday afternoon at the clinic for preschool children which was conducted by Dr. Goerke and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., of Astoria. This was one of a series of clinics held in the community during the winter.

## Well Baby Clinic Staged In Svensen

SVENSEN (Special)—The well baby clinic will be held at the Svensen school house on March 9 at 1:30 for pre-school children. Dr. Goerke and Shirley Vergeer will be in attendance.

## Health Topic Of Broadcast

A special broadcast, sponsored by the Clatsop County Health [illegible] by the American School of the Air over the Columbia network will be presented [illegible] from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m. The program will [illegible] with school health [illegible] the hygiene and the prevention and cure of syphilis is featured by talks by Dr. Lamar Wilbur [illegible] the American Social Hygiene association. [illegible] part of a series of broadcasts [illegible] the national health [illegible] presented by the history [illegible]

# Tuberculosis Film Showing Is Scheduled

Sound movies of tuberculosis, its prevention and control will be presented Wednesday night at the regular monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association at the Flavel building, directly south of the court house. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and will be open to the public.

The films are of particular interest at this time because of the intense campaign being waged througout the state for the early diagnosis of the disease. Hundreds of tuberculin tests are being given and those giving a positive reaction are urged to have a thorough physical examination to determine whether or not active tuberculosis is present. Because a number of active cases have already been discovered locally as the result ofthese tests, with immediate treatment being given, the public, particularly parents of school children, are urged to see the pictures so as to acquaint them with reasons for the testing and methods ueed in diagnosis of the disease.

**Goerke to Speak**

Following the showing of the films, Dr. L S. Goerke, director of the health unit will answer any questions that the audiences cares to ask. This will be Dr. Goerke's last public appearance officially in Astoria as he is leaving for McMinnville Friday to direct the newly established Yamhill county health unit.

A large audience is expected to attend this meeting because of the great interest displayed by the public in public health problems. The films which were shown last month had to be held over several times. The films here now will probably have to be returned immediately so that this may be the only opportunity to see them although attempts are being made to hold them over for showings in other communities of the county.

**Silent Film Also**

Dr. Allan Boyden, president of the health association, will preside at the meeting, which is one of a series of educational programs being presented each month by the Clatsop County Health association.

The title of the sound film is 'Behind the Shadows." A silent film, "The Story of My Life, by T. B.," will also be shown. This is an animated and highly educational film showing tuberculosis from the time the disease enters the body.

**TB Pictures Slated** 3/26/34

Two motion picture films, one, "Behind the Shadows," a sound film, and the other "The Story of My Life by T. B.," a silent film, will be shown at 8 o'clock tonight in the Flavel Building at the regular monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association. The meeting is open to the public, which is urged to attend. These pictures are part of a state-wide campaign being sponsored by the Oregon Tuberculosis association for the early diagnosis of the disease. Several active cases have already been discovered as the result of the tuberculin testing which has been going on in the local schools, according to Dr. L. S. Goerke of the health unit, who is making his last official appearance here tonight. Dr. Goerke has accepted a position as director of the Yamhill County health unit at McMinnville and will leave Saturday.

# Crowd Sees Tuberculosis Movie Films

A capacity audience crowded the assembly room in the Flavel building Wednesday night to witness the showing of two motion pictures, "Behind the Shadows" and "The Story of My Life by Tee Bee" at the regular monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association. Dr. Allan Boyden presided and with Dr. R. W. Kullberg, assisted by Dr. L. S. Geoke, director of the health unit in answering numerous questions on tuberculosis after the pictures. This was Dr. Georke's final official appearance here as he is going to McMinnville the first of April to take charge of the newly organized Yamhill county public health unit.

Both pictures dealt with the various phases of tuberculosis, the manner of infection, its spread, how it oan be controlled and how it progresses in the human system if unchecked. An attempt is being made to hold them over for further showings for the benefit of those unable to see them last night.

**Available for Groups**

Any group or organization interested in having the films shown is asked to contact either Dr. Boyden or William Seeborg, chairman of education for the health association. The association is anxious to have as many people as possible see the films so that the public may be educated in the need for early diagnosis in order that the spread of the disease might be thoroughly checked.

If every person in the county were tuberculin tested, and those infected were treated, tuberculosis would soon be stamped out, said Dr. Georke in answer to questions. He said that the tests are given free of charge and stressed the importance of parents giving permission for the testing of their children, some of whom have as yet not received the tests because the parents have undoubtedly not understood the full import of the work and the absolute safety and painlessness of the lic health workers.

**Urge Test for All Children**

Dr. Boyden urged that every parent, if they have not already done so, have their children tested. It was explained in answer to questions, that the tests are given annually to determine whether or not infection has taken place during the year. A person need not be sick to have a positive test; it merely indicates that he has at some time been slightly infected and that the system may or may not have checked it. Positive reactors should receive a thorough physical examination and an X-ray of the chest immediately to determine the extent of infection, so that if the disease is active, immediate treatment can be given. Even though a test turns out negative, that person should be tuberculin tested periodically (annually as is done here). Positive reactors need no more tuberculin tests for they remain positive regardless of whether the disease is active or not, said Dr. Georke. Anyone wishing the tests is urged to contast the local health unit in the Flavel building or call 519 for further particulars.

Further health programs which are sponsored by the health association will be presented from time to time, according to Seeborg.

# Goerke Will Transfer To M'Minnville

Dr. L. S. Goerke, young Clatsop county health physician who filled the office temporarily vacated by Dr. E. E. Berg in Clatsop county since September, today said he would accept a position as chief health officer in Yamhill county April 1.

Dr. Goerke replaced Dr. Berg here September 1, when the latter left to study advanced work in public medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Berg will return to Clatsop county June 20. In the period between Goerke's departure and Berg's arrival, the local unit will probably be headed by Dr. J. Edward Dehne, an Oregon medical school graduate who has been engaged in public health work in Idaho before coming here.

**Successor Due Today**

Goerke said today word has not yet been received from Dehne, who was scheduled to arrive today. He must be licensed by the Oregon health board. Dehne now holds licenses in Washington and in Idaho

Goerke was popular with public health clients and the Clatsop County Health association during his work here, carrying on a broad public health program of disease detection, treatment and prevention among county schools and the lay public.

The local health unit staff will remain intact after Goerke's departure for McMinnville this week.

**New Health Officer Here**

Dr. J. Edward Dehne, recently of Kellogg, Idaho, who will be temporary county health officer until the return of Dr. E. E. Berg in June, arrived in the city Friday and met with the executive committee of the county health association Friday noon preparatory to taking up his duties at once. He is a University of Oregon medical school graduate, having come to Oregon five years ago from the middle west. Dr. L. S. Goerke, who is leaving the post to take a similar job in McMinnville, was scheduled to leave Saturday morning.

# Dr. Dehne Begins Work

Dr. J. Edward Dehne of Kellog, Ida., arrived here this week-end to assume duties as chief of the Clatsop county health unit, replacing Dr. L. S. Goerke, who resigned to accept a place as public health physician for Yamhill county.

Dr. Dehne, an Oregon medical school graduate, was engaged in public health work and general practice in Idaho before coming here. He will serve until early June when Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the unit who has been in Minnesota studying when Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the unit who has been in Minnesota studying advanced public health work, returns.

Today Dr. Dehne resumed tuberculin testing work conducted by both Berg and Goerke, visiting Seaside and Gearhart schools with Miss Shirley Vergeer, public health nurse.

# Student Body Nominations Announced

Nominations for student body officers to serve during the next school year were made at the student body meeting at the high school Thursday morning. Students will vote on these candidates a week from next Tuesday.

The candidates for the various officers are as follows: president, Ken Weaver, Art Koski, Melvin Hjorten and George Sjolund; 1st vice-president, Mervin Anderson and Rodney Miller; 2nd vice-president, Cari Reith and Ward Paldanius; secretary, Helen Rissman, Helen Hall and Rosemary Anderson; treasurer, Marjorie Glover and Florence Johnson; editor of the Zephyrus, Kenneth Middleton; business manager of the Zephyrus, Virginia Mack, Irma Uhlbrand and Helen Skille; assistant editor of the Astor Post, Betty Kleger and Alfhild Peterson; assistant business manager of the Astor Post, John Parpala; assistant advertising manager of the Astor Post, Bryson Lausch and Victor Laine.

Following the business meeting, "Behind the Shadows," a film on tuberculosis, was shown to the students and Dr. L. S. Goerke, local health officer, explained the tuberculosis tests which will be given soon at the high school.

# *Mrs. L. S. Goerke Is Honored At Shower Wednesday*

A charming hostess this week was Mrs. Al Crohn entertaining with an afternoon of bridge at her Stratford on Avon apartment honoring Mrs. L. S. Georke, who is leaving to visit her home in Oklahoma and later join Dr. Goerke in McMinnville where they will make their home.

Mrs. Goerke was complimented with a handkerchief shower and the afternoon was then spent in playing bridge, with honors going to Mrs. George Sargent and Mrs. Arthur Olson.

Spring blossoms of jonquills and daffodils were attractively arranged in vases about the guest rooms.

Guests bidden for the afternoon were Mrs. Arthur Olson, Mrs. K. D. Adams, Mrs. Al Downs, Mrs. J. P. Tapscott, Mrs. C. S. Bergstein, Mrs. Jack Bush, Mrs. Harold Haynes, Mrs. George Sargent, the guest of honor, Mrs. L. S. Goerke, and the hostess, Mrs. Crohn.

## New Clatsop Health Officer Begins Work

ASTORIA, April 4.—Dr. J. Edward Dehne of Kellogg, Idaho who succeeded Dr. L. S. Goerke as head of the Clatsop County Health association, arrived Monday to assume his new duties.

Dehne, an Oregon medical school graduate, was engaged in public health work and general practice in Idaho.

**DR. & MRS. L. S. GOERKE FETED AT FAREWELL AFFAIR**

Games and cards were enjoyed during the evening, and later Judge Guy Boyington presented the honor couple with a lovely gift from the group. Refreshments were served later.

Guests participating in the affair were Dr and Mrs L. S. Goerke, Miss Anne Lewis, Miss Mildred Swenson, Mrs Celia Hird, Miss Hazel McGuire, Miss Marion Bowen, Miss Shirley Vergeer, Mrs Claude Burns, Dr N [illegible] Mrs Arthur Bergstrom, Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mrs Mark Ellis, Mrs [illegible] Mr and Mrs [illegible] Mrs [illegible] and Mrs [illegible]

# Dr. Goerke Gets Yamhill County Health Position

McMINNVILLE, March 31.—Dr. L. S. Goerke, acting director of the Clatsop county health unit, today was appointed first director of Yamhill county's new health unit. County Judge William O. Powell said Goerke would arrive Monday to assume his duties. Final details for preparing the unit for operation here will be left to Goerke, but work already has started on quarters to house the unit.

Judge Powell said Ruth Hinegardner, present county health nurse, would be senior nurse under the new unit system, and Nina Miller, former county nurse who resigned several months ago, would be acting junior nurse under Goerke. Mrs. Miller's services will be used as needed, Powell explained, pointing out that the permanent appointment of a second nurse was not necessary at this time because the program in the county would start on a small scale and be expanded gradually. Selection of the director and two nurses completes the unit staff except for a secretary and office assistant, yet to be named.

Goerke was recommended for the Yamhill position by the state board of health after making an outstanding showing in Clatsop county since replacing Dr. E. E. Berg, who left his post at Astoria to study advanced work in public health at University of Minnesota.

# Tuberculin Tests To Be Given Again

Tuberculin tests will again be offered sometime next month to all students who are desirous of obtaining this free treatment.

Blanks have been distributed in all the roll rooms with the instructions that they be submitted to the students' parents. If the parents wish to have their son or daughter take the test, they are requested to fill in the form, which must be presented to the administering physician at the time of the test. The test, however, is entirely optional. They are being given by the Clatsop county department of health.

The tuberculin test is a harmless skin test. A positive test indicates that the individual has been exposed to tuberculosis at some time and has contacted the tuberculosis bacteria, although they may not be present at the time of the test. It does not necessarily mean that active tuberculosis is present. This test is the first step in the early diagnosis of tuberculosis. Successful treatment depends on early diagnosis.

The department of health is anxious to test all children in Clatsop county so that positive reactors may be examined further to rule out the presence of active disease.

# Tuberculosis Foes to Hold Eugene Parley

Doctors, nurses and public health workers of the state will combine their efforts to combat tuberculosis in Oregon at the annual state conference of the Oregon Tuberculosis association Wednesday and Thursday at Eugene.

C. L. Newcomb

C. L. Newcomb of New York city, Christmas seal sale director for the National Tuberculosis association, will conduct a model seal sale institute on the conclave's opening day. Proceeds from the annual seal sale go to finance anti-tuberculosis work throughout the nation.

Rex Miles of The Dalles Chronicle, president of the Wasco County Public Health association, will be chairman at the Wednesday morning session, and Dr. Marian G. Hayes of the University of Oregon Health service will preside at a luncheon Wednesday when "Cooperating for Better Health" will be studied.

New motion pictures showing methods of treatment of tuberculosis will be previewed by delegates. Programs have been prepared for 500. Headquarters will be the Hotel Eugene. The silver seal trophy, which annually goes to the Oregon county scoring the highest per capita seal distribution in the previous seal sale, will be awarded Wednesday afternoon.

Other speakers will be Dr. Ralph C. Matson, associate clinical professor of the University of Oregon medical school, who will discuss "Recent Advances in Tuberculosis Control"; Dr. James M. Odell, superintendent of The Dalles state tuberculosis sanatorium, and Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the Salem state hospital; O. I. Paulson, state vocational department supervisor; public health officials, nurses and officials of the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

# *Tests Given To 197 Students*

On April 12, 197 students were tuberculin tested. The division by grades is as follows: 73 sophomores, 60 juniors and 64 seniors.

Health authorities generally agree that all persons should be tested each year, except those that have shown a previous positive reaction. Once a reactor, always a reactor, is a good general rule.

The fact that a person reacts to the tuberculin test does not imply that he is in any way contagious. The only time tuberculosis is infectious is in advanced stages, where the patient distributes germs while coughing, sneezing and breathing. A patient can have the disease in this stage without being awar of it and we know that patients are most apt to break down between the ages of 15 and 35. The reacting person knows that he must take care of himself and is less apt to become ill than the infected one who does not know. Fore-warned is fore-armed.

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# Seal Sales Bring $2,233 Into Coffers

The seal sale drive for tuberculosis control in Clatsop county last year grossed more than $2233, of which 75 per cent will remain here for the local fight against the disease, Mrs. E. B. Hughes, chairman of the drive, told the Clatsop County Health association at its meeting last night. The seal sale is sponsored by the local American Legion auxiliary.

Mrs. Hughes, who with Mrs. George Garrett, treasurer, supervised the big-mid-winter campaign for funds, said collection for 1938 exceeded those of 1937 by about $400. The funds are controlled by the health association and expended in X-ray work for patients unable to pay the charge, health education and preventative work under supervision of the county health department.

**Will Print Report**

The association agreed to print about 1000 copies of Dr. L. S Goerke's annual report of the county health unit's activities, of which he is chief.

Plans to send delegates to the Oregon State Tuberculosis association's annual convention in Eugene April 5 and 6 were discussed. It was learned today that Mrs. Hughes has been asked to speak on methods used here in conducting a successful seal sale drive at one of the conclave's luncheons in Eugene. Other delegates have not been named.

In the meantime the association-sponsored moving film on venereal disease control was displayed before union delegates at the Central Labor council meeting last night in the Labor temple. This was the 14th showing of the picture and more are scheduled.

——AHS

# Vaccinations Raise Immunity

Since February 1, 91 A. H. S. students have availed themselves of the opportunity to protect themselves against small-pox. These students were all successfully vaccinated. Also, 31 students have received the series for protection against diphtheria, something of which they can all be proud. The percentage of immunity for these two diseases in the high school is not known, but this group will materially raise the percentage, and by so doing, will protect a number of non-immune students.

Early in April, the Health Department offered tuberculin tests to the high school.

**Health Meeting**

The Men's club of the First Presbyterian church will hold its May meeting in the church house Wednesday evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30, with Judge Zimmerman, president of the club, presiding. The program will present the work of the county health department. Dr. Lawrence M. Lowell will have charge. William Seeborg, education chairman and Dr. R. W. Kullberg, past president of the organization, will speak briefly on phases of the work. Dr. Edward Dehne, county health officer, will present a birdeye view of the health work from the viewpoint of recent achievements and the projected program of the department. These presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. This meeting is open to the men of the community, but reservations should be [illegible] Thursday.

# Sanitation Contest Due

An "Evidence of Home Sanitation" photo contest will be sponsored during the summer months by the Clatsop County Health association. The contest begins immediately and will end in August or September, the definite date to be announced later. Prizes will be given for the best photo or sketch in each location and the pictures will be judged on their merits in giving prominence to beauty and the sanitary point of view. It is possible that the prizes, which will be announced later with other information, will be supplemented by other interested individuals and organizations.

The purpose of the contest is to bring to light the efforts being made by local citizens to beautify their homes and surroundings and in creating better sanitary conditions. The pictures may include all portions or any part of a home, yard and neighborhood.

The project has the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Astoria Kiwanis Club. Camera enthusiasts have shown interest.

**Mrs. Hughes Talks**

Mrs. E. B. Hughes of Astoria was a speaker before the Oregon Tuberculosis association's annual two-day meeting that closed Thursday in Eugene. Mrs. Hughes told of the success in her district resulting from an essay contest in the junior high schools and of direct mail Christmas seal sales. The Astoria woman headed the seal sale drive here last December.

# *Sanitary Engineer To Speak Tonight At Health Meeting*

Carl Green, sanitary engineer, Oregon State Health department, will speak on sanitation at the regular monthly educational meeting of the Clatsop County Health association at 8 o'clock this evening in the assembly room of the Flavel building. The meeting is open to the public and any groups interested in improving sanitary conditions in the city and county are urged to be present.

Green will hold a question and answer forum following his talk. Anyone present is invited to question him regarding the various phases of sanitation.

Considerable interest is being shown by local interests on the question of a sanitary engineer and Green, who is director of this work for the state department, is prepared to answer any questions asked of him.

Dr. L. M. Lowell, vice-president of the health association, will preside at tonight's meeting in the absence of Dr. Allen Boyden, who is out of town.

**Apply for License**

Application for marriage license was filed with the county clerk Thursday by Dr. Edward Dehne, Clatsop county's health unit physician and Marguerite Elizabeth McKinnon of Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. Dehne was named to succeed Dr. L. S. Goerke on the latter's departure to head the health unit in McMinnville. Dr. Dehne's tenure here will terminate with the return of Dr. E. E. Berg this June.

# City Urged To Facilitate Sanitary Job

### Health Groups Want Milk Funds Turned Over

The city of Astoria has been urged by the Clatsop County Health association and the Clatsop County Medical society to make possible the employment of a county sanitary engineer by turning over collections of the milk inspection department to the state board of health.

Until the return of E. E. Chadwick, city milk inspector, from Minnesota where he was called by the illness of his father, the city council will hold the proposed program in abeyance. Communications from the health unit stated that the county court has agreed to pay traveling and office expenses of the state sanitary engineer and the state board of health has appropriated $600 for the office.

**Engineer Would Inspect Milk**

The sanitary engineer would assume charge of milk inspection and the health unit said that a prospective candidate was trained and competent to perform these duties. Milk producers pay about $1600 into the city's milk inspection service, which is entirely self sustaining. In its communication to the council, the health unit said the plan was agreeable to Chadwick. No action will be taken by the council until the city manager confers with Chadwick on his return. The present milk inspector would not qualify as a sanitary engineer and is not a candidate for the office. Chadwick is a state employe and presumably would be given more territory to replace Clatsop county in the event the plan was adopted. He now covers other sections of northwest Oregon as a milk inspector.

**Duties Statutorily Undefined**

The city hall was without statutory definition of a health sanitary engineer's duties. "Greatest portion of the work of a sanitary engineer will be concerned with improving sanitation of the city of Astoria," the Clatsop Health association said. He probably will inspect buildings with regard to plumbing, and other features pertaining to sanitation. No such inspection is now provided in Clatsop county outside of Astoria and Seaside.

It is understood that the city council, which assured farmers paying for milk inspection that no portion of funds they turned in would be diverted into the general fund, will ask that these milk producers be consulted regarding the proposed change.

**Educational Meeting**

The Clatsop County Health Association Monday announces the third of a series of educational meetings to be held Thursday, May 25 at 8 P.M. in the dining room of the Hotel Astoria. An address will be given by Dr. William Levin, director of state hygienic laboratories, entitled, "Contribution of the Laboratory to the prevention of communicable diseases of childhood." A film will be shown entitled, "around the clock with you and your child." The public is invited to attend this address and film.

# Court Studies Sanitation Officer Plan

### Garbage Dumping Target Of Health Board's Idea

The county court today directed District Attorney Garnet L. Green to investigate any duplication possibly arising from the county's financial cooperation with the state board of health in providing a permanent sanitary engineer for Clatsop county.

Judge Guy Boyington told the commission he had been approached by a member of the state board, recommending appointment here of a sanitary inspector. Boyington said complaints have been received about dumping of garbage and debris on Clatsop beaches and roads.

**Garbage Dumping Hit**

The plan calls for close cooperation with the state milk board's dairy inspector and provides a full-time inspector to prevent wholesale dumping of garbage on beaches and unsanitary supervision of cesspools and refuse heaps.

Sheriff Paul Kearney said he had received complaints about garbage dumped on the Wahanna road and on byways leading from Seaside to Tillamook head. Kearney said Seaside has offered a reward for information on persons dumping garbage within the city limts.

Numerous complaints have come to the court from the garbage situation at Cannon Beach, members of the commission said.

**State Pays Main Cost**

The sanitary officers would be appointed and paid in the main by the state board of health, with Clatsop county contributing in a small way, Boyington said. Green was directed to see if existing authority is extended by law to any exsting health or sanitaton agency operating in this county.

# City Cleanup Program Gets Started Today

In his first announcement today as director of "Cleanup Week," Fire Chief C. E. Foster made a month-long affair out of the campaign and called upon Astorians "to get busy."

Foster urged removal of fire hazards about the home and yard. He appealed to community pride for cleaning rubbish along highways.

"If you don't do anything else - paint" said the cleanup director today as he arrived at home and looked over what he had to do himself in the backyard and basement. He was given some advice by Mrs. Foster.

**Rubbish Being Gathered**

Gathering of cans along the highway in the West End set off the drive which is to make Astoria as attractive as possible at the beginning of the tourist year, and at the same time reduce fire hazards. Various civic organizations have endorsed the dirve and it has the blessing of the Chamber of Commerce. Most of all it needs the willing hand of every Astorian.

# Medical Meet Is Held Here

The first of a series of state-wide postgraduate medical lectures to be conducted cooperatively by the state board of health and state medical association was held here all day Monday with 18 local physicians in attendance.

Pediatrics and obstetrics were the subject on which intensive lecture courses were given, with Dr. John M. Rector discussing the former subject and Dr. Daniel Morton the latter. Both men are of San Francisco and both are recognized authorities in their lines, according to Dr. L. W. Hyde, president of the Clatsop County Medical society.

"It was a good opportunity for the local physicians, because the lecturers proved highly scientific and fundamentally sound in medicine," Dr. Hyde declared.

Accompanying the two lecturers on their swing about the state by automobile, in which Astoria was the first stop, was Dr. Carlyle Thompson, head of the division of maternal and child health of the state health department.

From Astoria the lecturers departed for Albany to hold the second meeting of the series.

# *Sanitary Engineer Discussion Off, Awaits Chadwick*

Discussion relatives to appointment of a sanitary engineer for the city and county, was postponed last evening at a regular meeting of the Clatsop County Health association, until the return of C. C. Chadwick, who is in the east because of the illness of his father. Chadwick is county milk inspector, with whom the health association, sponsor of the move for an engineer, is cooperating.

Reports on the photo contest on evidences of sanitation indicate that pictures of healthful and beautiful homes are being taken. It is possible that headquarters for the contest may be established at the chamber of commerce, where camera fans may bring their pictures. The contest ends September 1.

Although the seal sale chairman for 1939 has not yet been selected, it was believed that this would be done very shortly. A committee was also appointed to select a delegate to the state tuberculosis association, which meets 3 or 4 times a year in Portland.

# *Disease Lecture & Movie Films To Be Presented*

Motion pictures and a lecture on communicable diseases will be presented Thursday at 8 at the Hotel Astoria by the Clatsop County Health association. The film, "Around the Clock with You and Your Child" will last about 45 minutes and will be narrated by Dr. William Levin, director of the state hygenic laboratory, with offices in Portland. Dr. Levin will also present a brief address on communicable diseases of childhood and will answer any questions that may be asked of him.

This is a part of the regular monthly educational program which the health association sponsors and should be of particular interest to parents because of the regular children's clinics which take place every Wednesday and Friday afternoon in the offices of the health unit in the Flavel building.

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The field clinic will be held in Astoria at the Clatsop County Health unit in the Flavel house.

## Measles Epidemic Hits Brownsmead

Dr. J. Edward Dehne, Clatsop county's physician in charge of the health department, said today he had quarantined 19 cases of measles in what amounts to a minor epidemic in the Brownsmead community. Dr. Dehne said several of the cases, all of them confined to children, were quite severe. He said he believed the epidemic was started during a recent picnic of Brownsmead school children at Cannon Beach.

# Health Check Inaugurated

Parent-Teachers [illegible] ociations of Astoria are institutin[illegible] a "summer roundup" program for pre-school children this year, the object being to get children who enter school the first time into the classrooms in the best of health.

In cooperation with the Clatsop county health unit, early summer examinations will be conducted for all children who enter school the first time next fall, after which an opportunity will be given to correct all defects that are discovered, in time for openin[illegible] [illegible]hool.

Lewis and Clark school PTA announced Monday that examinations for children entering that school the first time this fall will be held at the offices of Dr. E. E. Berge, county health officer, in the Flavel building Wednesday and Thursday afternoons this week from 1 to 2:30 [illegible].

In charge of the summer round-up work for the Lewis and Clark PTA are Mrs. Harvey Abel and Mrs. George Niemela.

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# Clinic Takes 46 Children

Forty-six children were examined in the crippled children's clinic held at Flavel house Thursday and accepted for medical service provided by the Oregon Public Welfare commission.

Examining physicians were Dr. John F. Abele, assistant medical director of the crippled children's division of the commission, and Dr. A. Gurney Kimberley, a doctor of science in surgery. He is on the University of Oregon Medical school staff of Orthopedic surgery.

O. O. Paulson, vocational rehabilitation director, of Salem, discussed vocational guidance for children. Assisting with the clinic were Aileen Dyer, commission nurse, Mrs. Catherine Filed, consultant for the Oregon state board of health, and Mrs. Helen Kelly, stenographer of the commission. Arrangements for the clinic were made by the Clatsop county health department

## *Svensen Pre-School Meet Scheduled*

The Svensen infant and preschool conference will be held Thursday, July 20 at the school house. All parents with children entering school for the first time this fall are urged to attend. Smaller children are welcome also. Time is 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Local arrangements are in charge of Mrs. P. Lawrence and Mrs. Harder. Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Shirley Vergeer of the health department will conduct the clinic.

The Brownsmead well-baby and preschool clinic scheduled for Thursday, July 27, has been postponed to the Thursday following, August 3 at the usual time. All children entering school for the first time this fall are urged to attend. Dr. Berg and Miss Vergeer will conduct the clinic.

## AUXILIARY AIDS IN CHILDREN'S CLINIC

To make it possible for nine children and the parents of several to take advantage of the clinic for crippled children of Clatsop county, members of the auxiliary to the Seaside post, American Legion provided transportation to Astoria, where the clinic was held Wednesday under the sponsorship of the County Public Welfare commission and the County Health Unit.

Similar clinics are being held throughout the state and are open to any person under 21 years of age of apparent normal mentality who is suffering from a condition leading to a deformity of the bones, joints or muscles, or who is actually suffering from such a deformity.

If the family is unable to finance the cost of the care recommended at the clinic, plans for this care will be made through the county public welfare commission of the county of residence.

**Dr. E. Berge Returns**

Dr. E. E. Berge, county health officer, who was given a 10 months leave of absence, returned Thursday after an academic years' stu[illegible] the University of Minnes[illegible] he received a master of science in public health. Dr. Berge is resuming his duties here.

**Health Association to Meet**

The health association executive committee will meet tonight at 7:30 in the assembly room of the Flavel building. Discussion will be held concerning cooperative efforts between the health department and the health association in furthering disease prevention and early diagnosis of illness. All members are urged to be present

**Prizes Decided by Association**

Prizes for the sanitation photographic contest were decided upon at the meeting of the health association executive committee Thursday night in the Flavel building. An nouncement of Mrs. L. M. Spaulding as chairman of the 1939 sale of Christmas seals was made and routine business conducted.

**Dr. Berge Attends Meeting**

Dr. E. E. Berge, county health officer, attended a meeting in Portland this week of the program committee of the Oregon Health officers association. Plans were formulated for the annual meeting to be held in Portland September 1 and 2. Principal topics for discussion will be venereal disease control, rural sanitation and medical care of the low income group.

**Berg to Oakland**

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health physician, leaves Saturday for Oakland, Cal., to attend the annual meeting of the western branch of the American Public Health association, convening there next week. Dr. Leonard Gehrke, who relieved Berg during his leave in Minnesota and is now physician at McMinnville, will also attend the convention, Berg said. He will be out of the city for one week.

**To Determine Cause**

The Clatsop County Health department and St. Mary's hospital are conducting tests to determine the cause of the sudden and violent illness of Theodore S. Meguin, 547 Alameda, and his 4-year-old son. They were received at St. Mary's hospital Wednesday and are now improved. It has not been definitely established what item in their diet may have caused their illness, it was learned today, following an early announcement that a dish of crabs may have been responsible. The two patients had eaten crabs, but were not taken ill until they had another meal in which no crabmeat was served.

## Brownsmead Puts Off Clinic Day

BROWNSMEAD. (Special)—Due to the absence from the city of Dr. E. E. Berg of Astoria, the children's clinic which was scheduled for Thursday afternoon, has been postponed for a week. It will be held Thursday afternoon, August 3, in the Brownsmead schoolhouse. This clinic will be for infants and children of pre-school age.

## *State Medical Officials Visit Clatsop Society*

Dr. Charles E. Sears, president of the Oregon State Medical society with other counselors of the society from throughout the state, met with the Clatsop county medical society in the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night for important discussions on industrial practice. Dr. Stewart H. Sheldon of Portland and Dr. Thompson Coberth of The Dalles were among the counselors present along with others from Eugene, Medford and other cities, according to Dr. L. W. Hyde, president of the local group.

Dr. Hyde said today that "while there was a difference of opinion regarding this type of practice, at conclusion of the meeting it appeared that Clatsop county doctors and those representing the state society will get together on procedure pertaining to industrial medicine."

## 73 Children In Clatsop Hear Poorly

Seventy-three children out of 1882 given audiometer tests in Clatsop county were found with hearing defects for a percentage of 3.9, according to a report just issued by the state health board.

The Clatsop county percentage is lower than that for the state as a whole, which was 4.8, the report said.

The report covered a series of audiometer tests conducted throughout 32 Oregon counties during the past two years by the division of maternal and child health of the state health department.

The department urged proper medical care for all children found defective, pointing out that prevention of hearing defects in early life is much easier than attempted cure later on.

**Health Association Meets**

The Clatsop County Health association will meet at 8 p. m. today in the Flavel building in the regular monthly business meeting to formulate plans for the association's fall activity program. 8-10-39

## *School Opens Sept. 11; Health Examinations Set*

All children entering the Astoria public schools for the first time in September must be examined by the health department, according to School Superintendent A. C. Hampton.

The school chief also announced a new state law providing for the beginning age of children, which is quoted below.

School begins in Astoria this year on September 11.

Physical examinations for children entering the Astoria schools for the first time in September will be held in the offices of the Clatsop County Health department, on the second floor of the Flavel house, on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 23, 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday, September 6, 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Friday, August [illegible], 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 a. m.

Friday, September 8, 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 a. m.

Parents are urged to bring children in early for these examinations so that needed corrective work may be cared for before the opening of school. Children must be accompanied by parents or some responsible party.

Following is a quotation from the new state law on beginning ages:

"They shall admit free of charge to the schools of their district all persons between the age of six and twenty-one residing therein, and all other persons may be admitted on such terms as the district may direct; provided, that a child entering school for the first time during the fall term shall be deemed to be six years of age if his sixth birthday occurs on or before November 15, and in school organizing a beginning first-year class in midwinter a child entering school for the first time shall be deemed to be six years of age if during the midwinter term his sixth birthday occurs on or before March 15; provided further, that school boards may rule that a child eligible to enter a beginning first-year class at the opening of the fall term or midwinter term, but who does not enter within the first four weeks of such term may be denied entrance for the remainder of the school year or until another beginning first-year class is organized during that year (Chapter 226, Oregon Laws, 1939)".

## *Ethel Gunderson Takes Over Duties Of Health Nurse*

Miss Ethel Ivy Gunderson, new Clatsop county public health nurse, arrived in Astoria Tuesday to take over the duties left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Geraldine Burns who resigned two months ago.

Miss Gunderson, a native Astorian, comes from Lincoln county, where she was public health nurse for a number of years. She is a graduate of the local grade schools, of the St. Vincents School of Nursing, Portland, has a B. A. in Sociology from the University of Oregon and is a graduate of the University of Oregon Public Health school. She has a certificte of public health nursing.

Miss Gunderson comes to Astoria very highly recommended by health authorities in the state. Her mother, Mrs. C. S. Gunderson, a former Astorian, is now a resident of Seaside.

## *School Opening In Warrenton Set For Monday A. M.*

Warrenton grade and high school will open Monday, according to announcement today by school officials.

The schools open with a teaching staff of four in the high school and five in the grades. Four are new this year, including Miss Dorothy Clausen in the high school, Miss Marie Mullenhoff, Miss Virginia Fleming and Ross Johnson in the grades.

High school students, who rent textbooks from the school system, will be required this year to bring their book fees Monday as no books will be issued except on presentation of the fee, school authorities said.

The Warrenton school district will be unable this year to provide transportation for Hammond pupils who attend Warrenton high. They will have to provide their own.

## *Leaving Fort*

Lt. Col. Robert Murphy, medical officer at Fort Stevens for the past three years, who has taken a prominent part in health activities of the entire county, will leave in a few days for the army's air depot at Sacramento, Cal., where he has been transferred.

## Local Milk Supply Given Praise By Health Official

### Dr. Stricker Commends City's Milk In Letter To Mayor; Rating Increases During Past 12 Months

Seaside's milk supply, always good, has improved greatly under the operation of the standard public health service milk ordinance passed a year ago. That statement was made this week in a communication from Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, to Mayor Ted Dichter.

**"After a year's enforcement of the city's new ordinance," Dr. Stricker declared, "a rating survey made last month has shown great improvement in quality of the milk sold in your city."**

The U.S. bureau of public health standard milk ordinance was put into effect about a year ago and the services of E. Eugene Chadwick, Astoria milk inspector, were obtained as inspector.

With the cooperation of the city and of milk producers the provisions of the ordinance, which determined standards of construction, sanitation and of the handling of milk, were put in force. There has been a steady improvement in the milk supply ever since, Chadwick declares, and grade "A" ratings were given all dairymen serving Seaside.

**Ratings Increase**

According to the communication from Dr. Stricker the rating of retail raw milk has increased from 74 to 92 per cent; of raw milk sold to pasteurizing plants from 75.7 to 88.3 per cent; rating of pasteurizing plants from 58 per cent to 83.8 per cent. Enforcement methods are given a rating of 97 per cent.

All ratings are being constantly improved, Chadwick declares, and as a result there are few cities in Oregon in which the milk supply will compare with that of Seaside.

**Every effort is being made at the present time to improve the supply of milk still further so that the city will be listed on the U. S. public health service list of cities having a milk sanitation rating of 90 per cent or more. Seaside has very nearly reached that point and when it is accomplished the city will be the third in the state to be listed and among about 400 in the United States.**

In finishing Dr. Stricker declared:

"It is a pleasure to the state board of health to commend Seaside and its dairy industry for the improvement made during this past year."

# Nursing Chief Of Health Board Is Astoria Guest

Olive M. Whitlock, director division of public health of the Oregon State Board h, is in Astoria advising nurses of the Clatsop health unit. The local unit arged the nursing staff by of one nurse. The addi- ... hough the population per oes not meet the national

Whitlock met with the staff Clatsop County Public Wel- commission and the staff of ealth unit to discuss the Crip- d Children's program being car- on by the two organizations. iss Whitlock will remain in As- until Friday afternoon.

**Dr. Goerke Visits**

Dr. L. S. Goerke, formerly direc tor of the Clatsop County Health Unit and at present director of the Yamhill County unit, is attending the annual meeting of the Oregon State Medical society being held in Gearhart this week. Mrs. Goerke accompanied him to Astoria.

**Joins Health Unit**

Miss Barbara Fairhurst, University of Oregon graduate and certified public health nurse, has been added to the staff of the county health department, it was learned today. Miss Fairhurst resided here for two years prior to the fire of 1922 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fairhurst. While here she attended the central school. At the University Miss Fairhurst was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. She trained for public health nursing at the University Medical school and the Multnomah county hospital.

# Four Mild Cases, Infant Paralysis Reported ,Seaside

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician, today discounted rumors of a widespread epidemic of infantile paralysis in the city of Seaside and said four cases have been reported, all of them described as "mild."

Dr. Berg said the Seaside situation has been thoroughly explained to the state health department and Dr. E. D. Stricker, state health officer, has approved the steps taken in handling the few cases.

The county doctor said there is "very little danger of older age groups carrying the disease; that it often sporadically breaks out in communities about this time of year and that there is no reason to fear an epidemic." Dr. Berg said those persons released from confined homes are older children or adults, in which possibility of carrying the germs are very remote. Dr. Berg explained there is no reason for widespread alarm.

Public assemblies of children in Seaside have been suspended and other precautionary steps have been taken

# Mrs. Spalding Will Direct Seal Selling

Announcement of the appointment of Mrs. L. M. Spalding as chairman of the 1939 Clatsop County Tuberculosis seal sale was made last night at a meeting of the Clatsop County Health association, sponsor of the sale. The announcement was made by Mrs. R. Karinen, president of the American Legion auxiliary, which is again handling the sale this year.

"I feel that the American Legion auxiliary has made an extremely wise choice in the selection of Mrs. Spalding as chairman and feel that, with her contacts throughout the county and her experience in social circles, she will do excellent work and show fine returns," said Dr. Allan Boyden president of the health association, in commenting on the appointment. "With the entire personnel of the auxiliary backing her to the limit as they are sure to do, I have no question of the success of this most worthwhile and humanitarian venture."

The seal sale starts each year at the same time, the day after Thanksgiving Day.

Announcement of committee appointments will be made as soon as they are contacted by Mrs. Spalding who said that she will give her best efforts toward the ultimate success of the sale so that less suffering might take place, less time be lost and more lives saved as the result of early diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis which is being made possible by the proceeds of Seal campaigns.

# Seaside Thinks Poliomyelitis Peril Is Passed

SEASIDE. Absence of a single new case of infantile paralysis in Seaside in more than 10 days has given rise to the hope that all danger from the disease has passed, according to Dr. O. C. Hagmeier, health officer. Precautions, however, will be continued for at least another week, but if there is no change in the situation, Sunday schools will be permitted to meet on September 24. It is possible, however, that schools will remain closed until October 2.

There have been but four cases of infantile paralysis in Seaside, all of them mild and resulting in no permanent disability. Three of the cases were in the same family and one in another family. The first case to develop was that of Bernard Sarpola, son of Mrs. F. Sarpola, 1225 Third avenue. Alice, a sister, and Richard, a brother, soon contracted the disease. A week later, on September 4 Delwin Ridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Ridge, residing in the same neighborhood, became ill. The Sarpola children are fully recovered and the Ridge boy is well on his way toward recovery. In only one case was there any indication of paralysis and that has disappeared with the recovery of the child.

# Baby Clinic Slated

BROWNSMEAD — Special — Another baby clinic will be held Thursday afternoon, in the Brownsmead schoolhouse, under the direction of D. E. E. Berg, County health officer. Mothers are urged to bring their children to this clinic for the regular examination.

# Star Sea School Reopens Tuesday

The Star of the Sea school reopened Tuesday with an increased enrollment in each department. Regular grade courses began Wednesday with high school classes beginning Monday, the same as the public schools. Sunday Salvador Mardesich, who won a musical scholarship from Gonzaga university, left for Spokane to begin his freshman studies.

**New Pathologist Arrives**

... of St. Mary's hospital ... pathology laboratory succeeding Dr. J. Edward Dehne, temporary county health physician and later pathologist at the hospital, who left recently to reenter public health work at Coquille, Ore. Dr. Prentiss came here from the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland and was graduated from the University of Oregon medical school.

# Milk Effect On Children Is Revealed

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, today released brief case history reviews of youngsters supplied with milk from the milk drivers and dairy employes' union milk fund campaign last year. The union this week opened its 1939 campaign pointing toward the grand Milk Fund ball in the Regatta pavilion next Saturday night, when old-time and modern dancing will be highlighted by special events and theatrical effects, the proceeds to go for purchase of more milk for schools in Astoria and adjoining towns this year.

Dr. Berg's report cited conclusions from tests run on 26 selected youngsters, the selection depending on the child's physical condition, the amount of milk used at home and the parents ability to provide the extra nourishment at school.

**Children in Poor Health**

Children selected were not only underweight, but revealed secondary reasons for needing extra nourishment, such as pallor, listlessness the latter part of the morning, apathy about their work and play.

The milk was taken before recess in the quiet of the room when the other children were out at play. "The youngsters took pride in being on the list," the report reads, "and in watching their own gain in weight." The weight gains, checked over the year, averaged 3 to 12 pounds per child, with several of the children gaining up to normal weight.

Edwin Bjork, president of the union, said a reading of gains made by these children is partly responsible for the inspiration given the union members in their sincere effort to provide funds for the work's continuance.

**Some Cases Cited**

A few of the more interesting cases cited in Dr. Berg's report are as follows:

1. Boy, age 7. Child thin, pale, nervous and apathetic. During the fall term he gained 5 pounds, during the spring term 7. He has good color, does excellent work and holds his own with other children where he was apt to cry at the slightest provocation before.

2. Boy, age 7. This youngster was frequently absent for minor conditions, such as stomach ache, headache, etc. Seemed slow in school, thin and pale. He gained four pounds each term and looks fine. Has not missed school for the last six months.

3. Boy, age 10. Nine pounds underweight, thin and always sleepy in school. Given milk, gained six pounds in one term. Has good color and looks much better.

4. Girl, age 12. X-ray following tuberculin testing showed this girl to be one who should be watched. She was pale, always tired and considerably below weight. She was given a half pint of milk morning and afternoon. The child gained 12 pounds during the school year. Has good color and her last X-ray shows slight improvement.

5. Girl, age 11. This youngster was always bothered with colds. Absent often and below par. She gained eight pounds in one term in school

# Milk Fund Dance Plans Being Raised

The milk drivers and diary employes union this week laid plans for the fifth annual milk fund dance, tentatively set for October 7 in the Regatta pavilion, it was announced today by Edwin Bjork, president of the union and ex-officio head of the milk drive .

Last year the dance grossed more than $800 and netted $600 for purchase of milk which was distributed among pupils selected by the county health physician in schools here, at Hammond, Seaside and Lewis and Clark consolidated.

Bjork said committees have been appointed to arrange many new and interesting features of the 1939 affair, which will include again the nominal lower Columbia championship for square dancing. Everett Marriott will chairman the entertainment committee and Eldred Jeffers will head the ticket sale campaign, which will probably start about 10 days before date of the dance.

Bjork said the union plans to stage another coronation of "Bessie" or her equivalent and the dance this year will include more horseplay and original ideas than ever before .

**MRS. J. P. FAIRHURST IS VISITING DAUGHTER HERE**

Mrs. J. P. Fairhurst of Portland is in the city visiting her daughter, Miss Barbara Fairhurst, until the end of the week. Miss Fairhurst has recently joined the staff of Clatsop county health office.

**Plan Campaign**

The American Legion auxiliary, which has charge of the Tuberculosis seal sale this year, and Mrs. E. B. Hughes, chairman of the 1938 seal sale committee, will meet with the Clatsop county Health association in Flavel building Thursday night at 8 o'clock to plan for the 1939 seal sale.

**Disease Report**

Confirmation of the fact that four cases of poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis occurred last week in Seaside is given in the state health board's disease report for the week ending September 9. For Clatsop county the report listed 10 new cases of communicable disease on the basis of reports by 81 per cent of the county's physicians. The cases include Seaside's four light poliomyelitis cases, as well as three of whooping cough, two of erysipelas and one of chicken pox. For the state as a whole whooping cough led with 21 new cases followed by tuberculosis with 12.

# Seal Sale's Officials Appointed

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, general chairman of the Clatsop County Christmas seal sale, has completed the appointment of officers and committee chairmen for Astoria and other Clatsop county communities according to an announcement made today. The general committee consists of Mrs. L. M. Spalding, chairman, William Seeborg, chairman of health education and publicity; Mrs. Fred Jensen, secretary; Mrs. L. M. Lowell, treasurer. Committee chairmen are Mrs. A. G. Allen, early orders; Mrs. E. Elfving, mail sale, and Mrs. W. R. Rowland, booth sale.

The seal sale, which begins December 1, is again conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary of Astoria. According to Mrs. Spalding, the various committees are rapidly completing their plans and the committee on education and publicity has already done considerable work in arranging the showing of motion pictures and giving radio interviews, three of which were given by Dr. E. E. Berg of the health department earlier in the week and two by Seeborg, one yesterday and one today at 5:30 p. m., over station KAST. Organizations interested in having sound and silent pictures shown or hearing authoritative speakers on health subjects are urged to contact Seeborg so that the schedule can be completed as soon as possible. These pictures and speakers will be made available throughout the county.

Additional appointments will be announced later by Mrs. Spalding, who said that she is well pleased with the progress made so far in the promotion of what is hoped will be the most successful seal sale to date.

# Health Body Buys Sound Equipment

The purchase of modern portable sound movie projection equipment for health education was authorized at the regular monthly business meeting of the Clatsop Counthy health association held at the Flavel building last night, according to William Seeborg, chairman of health education. This action was taken to conform with the national trend toward visual education in health problems. So far as is known, the Clatsop County Health association is the second in the state to purchase sound equipment, the other being in Multnomah county. Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the health department is working with Seeborg in outlining the new visual education program.

Mrs. L. S. Spalding, general chairman of the Christmas seal sale, which is again being sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, reported that all committee appointments had been made and that some of the committees are already functioning. In answer to a question oh whether or not any official connection between the seal sale and the Red Cross existed, Mrs. Spalding said that there is no official relationship although the two organizations cooperate with each other in the setting of dates so that they do not overlap each other.

**Picture Push To End**

Dr. Kullberg reported that the pictorial campaign for evidences of sanitation will close November 9 and urged all camera fans to have their pictures in at the health department in the Flavel building before that date. Dr. Berg also made a brief report on the health conditions of the county. Dr. L. M. Lowell presided in the absence of Dr. Allen Boyden, president. It was reported also that Dr. Kullberg and Dr. Berg appeared at various health meetings in Columbia county where the organization of a health department is contemplated.

# Health Film Schedule Of Showing Set

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Sound motion pictures depicting the progress of tuberculosis from its early beginning to its later stages and the methods of prevention and cure will be shown to a group of organizations next week. They will consist of two films. One, titled "Let My People Live" opens with the famous Tuskegee Institute choir singing "I Know the Lord Has Laid His Hands on Me". Rex Ingram who played "De Lawd" in "Green Pastures" plays the part of the doctor and is supported by an all-Negro cast of professional actors and drama students of Tuskegee Institute.

The other film, "On The Firing Line" is a travel tour picture which takes the audience to different parts of the United States showing a general statistical picture of tuberculosis and a review of the methods of cure from the earliest efforts.

A partial list of showings already scheduled is as follows: Tuesday noon, Gyro club; Tuesday, 6:30 p. m., Junior Service Club; Tuesday, 8:30 p. m., American Legion auxiliary; Thursday noon, Kiwanis Club; Thursday 8 p. m., Clatsop County Health association educational meeting (open to the public); November 2, Brownsmead Grange and November 10, Scandinavian Benevolent society. Although several tentative dates have been set, several dates are still open.

Sunday evening the health department will present an open forum discussion on social diseases at the Methodist church. A sound film "Lets Open Our Eyes" will be presented and a discussion on the subject will be led by Dr. R. W. Kullberg, with Dr. Berg and Dr. L. M. Lowell assisting. Dr. Berg will appear at all scheduled showings of pictures to answer questions on the various topics presented. Seeborg will be in charge of all showings.

# Sound Films On Health To Be Shown

The sound motion pictures on various health subjects being shown by the Clatsop County Health association throughout the county, will be presented tonight at a joint meeting of the Knights and Ladies of Kaleva at Kaleva hall, according to William Seeborg, director of health education for the health association.

Two films, both on tuberculosis, its discovery, diagnosis, prevention and cure are being offered to any group desiring them. The first, "On the Firing Line" is in the nature of a travelog giving considerable pictorial data on the nature of the disease and its effect on the population in different parts of the country. The other is titled "Let My People Live" and has an all-negro cast supported by the Tuskegee choir.

The films have been shown at the Methodist church, Gyro club, Junior Service club and the American Legion auxiliary. All showings were made with the new sound motion picture equipment recently purchased by the health association for health education.

Thursday noon, the films will be shown at the Kiwanis club and Thursday evening at the regular monthly educational meeting of the health association at the Flavel building at 8 o'clock. They will be presented at the high school assembly Friday morning. A brief explanation of the tuberculosis control work being done in Clatsop county is made by Dr. Berg. Mrs. L. M. Spalding, general chairman of the seal sale, will also be present at some of the showings.

# *Seal Sale Folk Of Two Counties Plan Institute*

The Clatsop-Tillamook county Christmas Seal Sale Institute will be held tomorrow at the Gearhart hotel with Miss Elsie Witchen, acting executive-secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association in charge. The meetings will start at 10 a. m. and will continue through the day with luncheon at the hotel at noon.

All members of the local seal sale committee and chairmen and members of other community committees are urged to attend the sessions at which more complete seal sale plans will be discussed, according to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, Clatsop county Christmas seal sale chairman. It is expected that some of the officers of the American Legion auxiliary, sponsors of the seal sale, will also attend as will officers of the Clatsop County Health association.

**Health Association**

The Clatsop County Health association will hold its regular monthly business meeting at 8:00 o'clock today at the Flavel building at which time Mrs. L. M. Spalding, county chairman of the Christmas seal sale will report on the progress made so to date. A proposed enlarged health education program will also come up for discussion. In the absence of Dr. Allen Boyden, president Dr. L. M. Lowell, vice-president will preside.

**HEALTH PROGRAM GIVEN AT LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING**

Dr. E. E. Berg and William Seeborg presented two movie and sound pictures dealing with the symptoms and care of tuberculosis at the American Legion auxiliary meeting last evening, as part of the auxiliary's October health program.

The American Legion auxiliary is sponsoring the Christmas Seal sale again this year with Mrs. L. M. Spalding as general chairman. Mrs. Spalding announced that all the committees have been appointed and work is progressing prior to the actual drive.

C. P. Havlik sang a vocal solo during the meeting, accompanied by Mrs. Havlik.

In observance of Navy day, Dr. L. W. Hyde will be the speaker on the auxiliary Navy day radio program given Thursday from 1 o'clock to 1:30 over station KAST. Other numbers on the program will be a vocal duet by Mrs. Arthur Hemingson and Mrs. William Seeborg, accompanied by Mrs. Loma Ten Eyck. Mrs. Ten Eyck will also present a piano solo, and Mrs. C. G. Tarkenton will give a reading.

# Community Seal Heads Are Listed

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, general chairman 1939 Christmas Seal Sale of the Clatsop County Health association which is again this year sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, today announced the appointment of the following community chairmen and sponsors.

Seaside, Mrs. Tennes B. Mathison, chairman and the American Legion Auxiliary, sponsor; Gearhart, Mrs. D. T. Waterhouse, chairman, Gearhart Welfare Society, sponsor; Warrenton, Mrs. Carl Anderson, chairman, American Legion Auxiliary, sponsor; Hammond, Mrs. F. O. Parsons chairman; Cannon Beach, Mrs. F. F. Spaulding, chairman; Wauna, Mrs. William Cole, chairman; Westport, Mrs. Henry Maling, chairman, Westport Community Club, sponsor; Brownsmead, Miss Dora Jantzen, chairman, Brownsmead Grange sponsor, and Elsie, Miss Florence Ferchweiller, chairman.

These chairmen will take charge of their local campaigns and will organize their working committees according, to Mrs. Spalding who is personally visiting each community in the course of the organization program for the sale, which starts December 1.

# *Health Society Official Urges Anti-TB Efforts*

Dr. Lawrence M. Lowell, vice-president of the Clatsop County Health association, in a talk delivered over radio station KAST Wednesday, strongly urged the public to cooperate with health agencies in their determined effort to eradicate tuberculosis from the community. This can be done, said Dr. Lowell, if every individual would have a tuberculin test and if all positive reactors would be fluoroscoped or X-Rayed to determin whether or not they are infected with the disease. He said that although a test might be negative, it does not indicate that the individual is immune to tuberculosis, but rather that he has not been in contact with cases of active tuberculosis, which is usually the case with those who react postively to the test, which is very simple and can be given in a few seconds time.

Dr. Lowell [illegible] during all cases [illegible] two [illegible] cases could be [illegible] it is in Oregon until they were virtually unknown. He told of the efforts being made by local health associations and health departments in controlling this disease which [illegible] and said, [illegible] than [illegible] and urged the people to [illegible] United States last year.

The talk was presented by the health education committee of the health association in cooperation with station KAST.

...e Clatsop County Health association is to be congratulated ... purchase of sound moving picture equipment for carrying ... visual health education activities in the county. The local ... association is a progressive, forward-looking body, as has ... proven by its leadership in this moving picture venture. ... education is an activity well worth its cost in any com... and deserving of full public support. It is the kind of preventive activity that can save the community much in the way of doctors' bills, care of patients in institutions and the ... as well as preventing individual suffering and misery that is avoidable.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO HAVE HEALTH PROGRAM**

The American Legion auxiliary will hold a regular meeting Tuesday at 8 o'clock in Veteran's hall with two sound motion pictures to be shown at 8:30 p. m. Anyone interested in the health program is invited to attend, the pictures to be "Let My People Live" with Rex Ingram, who played "De Lawd" in "Green Pastures," playing the part of the doctor and supported by an all negro cast. The other film is "On the Firing Line," a travel tour picture showing different parts of the United States and giving statistical pictures of tuberculosis and a review of the methods of cure from the earliest efforts.

These films will be followed by a round table discussion with Dr. E. E. Berg in charge.

A recognition of navy day will also be made by the auxiliary at the meeting.

## *Milk Fund Dance Receipts Reach Total Of $940*

Eldred Jeffers, chairman of the recent Milk Fund campaign's ticket sales committee, reported today that the net receipts from the Milk Fund dance this year reached $940 ... $336.91 above the amount collected in 1938.

Jeffers said the gross return from the drive amounted to $1340.70, with $737.50 collected in advance s... tickets. The sales chairman said the committee figures between 2700 and 3300 persons attended the dances. Of the gross receipts, $103.30 was taken by the lunch room and $3.90 from the check room.

Jeffers said the drive this year was the most successful in ... of the union's annual campai... exceeded the hopes of the solicitors.

## *Noted Physician Is Speaker Here*

Dr. J. Guy Strohm, a member of the University of Oregon medical school faculty, spoke before the members of the Clatsop County Medical society at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night. Accompanying him were Dr. George Pfeiffer, surgeon at the U. S. veterans' hospital, and Dr. W. E. Nielsen, associated with Strohm on the medical faculty of the university. The visitors were guests of Dr. L. W. Hyde, head of the local society.

**Local Nurses Visit**

Misses Ethel Gunderson and Barbara Fairhurst, Clatsop county public health nurses, will Thursday attend the monthly meeting of the Oregon state public health nurses' ... in Portland, it was learned today.

**Supervising Nurse Due**

Miss Catherine Webster, field supervisor for the Oregon state board of health will confer with local nurses Wednesday on ... visit to Clatsop county.

## *Warrenton Schools Reopen Monday*

Warrenton city schools, which were closed Wednesday by the board of directors after two mild cases of infantile paralysis were reported in that community, will reopen Monday, it was announced today by Harold Dishaw, principal. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, did not recommend the closing of schools. At first it was reported that three cases of the disease had broken out, but now it is asserted that only two have been definitely diagnosed as mild forms of infantile paralysis.

## *Polio Peril Gone In Warrenton, Restrictions End*

Danger of infantile paralysis in Warrenton apparently ended, all restrictions governing attendance of Warrenton children at the Fort Stevens post theater have been removed, according to Colonel Edgar Thompson, commander of the Columbia harbor defenses.

The school bus will run again between the fort and Warrenton beginning Monday morning.

No new cases of infantile paralysis have appeared in Warrenton and the period of incubation following incidence of two cases recently has elapsed.

## *Health Association To Show Films At Meet Tonight*

A public health education meeting of the Clatsop County Health association, open to the public, will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Flavel building. Two sound motion pictures on tuberculosis will be shown after which Dr. J. V. Straumfjord will speak briefly on the control and diagnosis of the disease and answer questions.

One of the films will be returned to Portland Saturday. No admission is charged at any of the showings which are made on the newly purchased sound motion picture equipment, used exclusively for health education purposes.

Dr. L. M. Lowell, vice-president of the health association, will preside in the absence of Dr. Allen Boyden, president, who is in the East. William Seeborg, director of health education, is in charge of the program.

**T. B. Movies Scheduled**

Sound motion pictures on tuberculosis will be presented in the auditorium of the Labor temple tonight following the meeting of three labor groups there. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will be present to answer questions during open forum which will follow the showing of the film.

## Dental Health Puppet Show Coming Here

Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the Clatsop county health unit, said today that children in several of the county's elementary schools will have an opportunity to see the dental health puppet show, under sponsorship of the Oregon State Board of Health and the state dental association November 6, 7 and 8.

Dr. Floyd H. DeCamp, director of oral health for the state health board, has engaged the Morrey-Towse dental health puppet show for showing here. Tohseh i sgwnU be on the following schedule:

Monday, Nov. 6—Westport school at 2 p. m.; Tuesday—Astor school, 9 a. m.; Star of the Sea, 11 a. m. and Gray school, 2 p. m.; Wednesday –Lewis & Clark school, 9 a. m. and the Seaside grade school, 11 a. m.

The show's authors are Dr. Lon W. Morrey, supervisor of the bureau of public relations of the American Dental association and Miss Anna B. Towse, executive secretary of the good teeth council and writer of children's health readers.

Presenting the show will be John Beck and Miss Cleo Stephens, who have given the entertaining and educational feature in Washington, D. C. and other large cities.

## High School Sees Movies On Health

The public health sound motion pictures on tuberculosis which the health education committee of the Clatsop County Health association has been presenting to various groups during the week, were shown at the Astoria high school this morning during assembly. William Seeborg, director of health education, made a few remarks relative to the purpose of the purchase of the equipment used in showing the pictures.

The films were also shown at the health association educational meeting last night with Dr. J. V. Straumfjord conducting an open forum session following the pictures. The audience stayed for more than an hour asking pertinent questions on the characteristics of tuberculosis and other phases of its prevention and cure. Dr. Straumfjord stressed the fact that the scientific means for diagnosis and cure are available and that if the cases could be discovered early and properly treated, that tuberculosis could definitely be eradicated within a brief span of years. He said that if the chest X-rays could be made available to all through such mediums as the Christmas seal sale that great strides in the further spread of the disease could be made.

Miss Elsie Witchen, acting executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, conducted an interesting and educational seal sale clinic at the Gearhart hotel yesterday with seal sale committees from Clatsop and Tillamook counties in attendance. Mrs. L. M. Spalding, Clatsop county chairman headed the local delegation.

## Sound Films On Health In Demand

The new sound motion picture equipment which was recently purchased by the Clatsop county health association for health education purposes, has been in great demand throughout the county according to William Seezorg, director of health education. To date, 12 showings have been made before various groups, the most recent being two showings at the labor temple, one at the Brownsmead Grange and at the Seaside community sing. Tonight, they will be presented at Wauna.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, has accompanied Seeborg at the showings and has answer innumerable questions on tuberculosis and other diseases. Mrs. L. M. Spalding, county seal sale chairman, has also visited a number of the meetings.

## *Anti-TB Films Will Be Shown At Olney Grange*

Under the direction of Mrs. L. M. Spalding, films will be shown at the Friday evening session of Olney grange, telling the story of the care and prevention of tuberculosis. These films have been well received in various parts of the county in schools, granges and among business organizations and are pronounced as being decidedly educational and clearly portraying the tuberculosis story. Assisting Mrs. Spalding in presenting the films will be William Seeborg and Miss Shirley Verger, Clatsop county school nurse. All members are urged to be present.

An invitation is expended to residents of the Olney district to attend Olney grange during the lecture period to view these educational films. Time for presenting the story has been set for 9:30 o'clock, following the first part of the business session. Following the showing of the films, non-members will leave and grange business, including election of officers, will be resumed, it is announced.

## *State Showing Puppet Display For Dental Health*

The Morrey-Towse dental health puppet show was shown in Westport today and was scheduled for two days of showing here Tuesday and Wednesday. The shows are designed to instruct and encourage children on healthy dental practices.

The show was directed here by Dr. Floyd H. De Camp, director of oral health for the state board of health. "It is largely due to the interest shown in public health by professional groups and interested citizens that we are showing this visual dental educational project in Clatsop county," De Camp said. De Camp said the county dental society had given cooperation and commended the society's policy of teeth examination without charge.

## Health Association Will Show Films

CLATSOP PLAINS, (Special) — Representatives of Clatsop County Health Association will present health pictures on "Tuberculosis" following the 6:30 dinner at Pacific [illegible] Thursday evening. Dr. E. E. Berg will be present to answer questions on the subject.

Other numbers on Thursday's program will be, readings by Mrs. Lois Jo OMeara, tap dance numbers by Mrs. Dorothy Johnsons pupils, and selections by the Y.G.A. orchestra.

## *Woman Dies Of Typhoid; Chances Of Spread Remote*

Health authorities are investigating source of typhoid fever which took the life of Mrs. Alice Jurgensen, 33, of Olney, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, said today. Dr. Berg declared that possibility of any spread of the disease was extremely remote.

The Jurgensen family lived in a rather isolated area with their own water and milk supply, so there is slight possibility that the disease can spread to other families. No other cases have been reported in the area.

It will be a few days before investigators can determine the exact source of the typhoid that took Mrs. Jurgensen's life, Dr. Berg said.

## Warrenton's PTA Sees Health Film

WARRENTON. (Special) — The regular monthly meeting of the Warrenton Parents-Teacher association was held Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium.

The business meeting was preceded by a program which included the showing of a film by the Pacific Power & Light company pertaining to the life of Helen Keller. Dr. E. E. Berg of the county health unit also presented two films, "Behind the Shadows" and "The Fight Against Tuberculosis," both of which pertained to the campaign against the dreaded disease. Concluding the films Dr. Berg gave a brief talk on the part Oregon has taken in this work.

During the business meeting which followed the association passed the budget plan, which concerns the purchasing of incidentals during the year. It was announced that the county council will hold an all-day session in Warrenton, December 5, beginning at 10 a. m. It was also announced that the study club will meet at the home of Mrs. R. Adams Thursday afternoon, at 1:30 p. m.

Principal Harold Dishaw stated that the high school student body will present a play, "Here Comes Charlie," Thursday evening, December 14, in the school auditorium.

A. B. Hudelson, chairman of the community Christmas tree committee, announced that the entire committee consisting of representatives of the various organizations in Warrenton will meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the school auditorium to make final plans. Thursday evening, December 21, was chosen as the date when the annual Christmas program and treats will be presented.

The fifth and sixth grade room was awarded the picture trophy for having won the attendance contest for November.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

## *Sound Pictures On Health Due At Jewell School*

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Two reels of sound motion pictures on tuberculosis will be shown at an open meeting sponsored by the Jewell and Nehalem Granges at the Jewell school at 8 p. m. today. Dr. J. V. Straumfjord will give a short talk and answer questions following the showing of the films.

The films "On The Firing Line" and "Behind The Shadows" vividly show the progress made in attempts to control the disease. The film first mentioned has been shown at 26 meetings throughout the county with a large number of other showings scheduled ahead. The second film is available for this week only although pictures on other health subjects will be presented after the first of the year. All showings are sponsored by the Clatsop County Health association with Dr. E. E. Berg and William Seeborg in charge.

## Clinic For Crippled Tots Planned Soon

Arrangements are being completed for another clinic to be held in Astoria next Wednesday for the crippled children of Clatsop county, in arrangements made by the Clatsop county health department and the public welfare commission, it was announced today.

This is the second clinic to be held in Astoria this year, the first one being May 31, 1939.

Any person under the age of 21, of apparent normal mentality, who is suffering from a condition leading to a deformity of the bones, joints or muscles, or who is actually suffering from such a deformity, may attend the diagnostic clinic upon referral by his parents and family physician. In addition, the deformities of cleft palate, harelip, burn contractures and plastic skin contractures are included.

Attendance at the clinic is by application and appointment, which may be obtained from either the health department or the welfare commission. Following the clinic, if it is found that the families are unable to finance the cost of the recommended care, plans for this care will be made through the welfare commission.

Dr. John F. Abele, assistant medical director of the crippled children's division, will be in charge.

The ladies of the American Legion auxiliary will assist at the clinic.

The clinic will be held in the health department offices in the Flavel house.

## *Second Clinic For Cripples Due*

A second crippled children's clinic will be held in the Flavel building offices of the Clatsop county health department Wednesday, with persons under 21, of apparent normal mentality but suffering from conditions leading to deformity of the bones, joints or muscles, or who is actually suffering from such deformity may attend the diagnostic clinic upon reference by his parents and family physician. Dr. John F. Abele, assistant medical director of the crippled children's division will be in charge.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS ACTIVE IN DECEMBER

The month of December is a busy one for members of the American Legion auxiliary as the Christmas seal sale is sponsored in Clatsop county by the local unit.

Member selling seals Monday were Mrs. Brewer Billie, Mrs. Evald Edison, Mrs. N. L. Glover, Mrs. Elmer Maunula, Mrs. Ross Link, Mrs. Herbert Hacker, Mrs. Henry Nopson, Mrs. Ford Clark, Mrs. L. O. Manus and Mrs. Frank Berg.

Members under the direction of Mrs. Frank Meyers, child welfare chairman, will assist at the Clatsop county crippled children's clinic to be held at the Flavel building Wednesday, December 6, and will also help furnish transportation for patients.

The unit members are packing Christmas baskets to be given needy veteran's families at Christmas, and each member is asked to bring a jar of canned fruit to the December 12 meeting.

A membership handkerchief will be mailed to Mrs. William Horsefall, department president, on December 15 with the names of all paid members attached.

Those selling seals in booths Wednesday will be Mrs. J. F. Harding and Mrs. B. Marion, post office; Mrs. J. A. Brunold, First National Bank; Mrs. P. Hancy and Mrs. O. J. Lilleoren, Adamson's Drug store; and Mrs. T. Lovett and Mrs. Loraine, Eastern Outfitting company.

### Goes To Portland

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, general chairman of the Clatsop county Christmas seal sale, is in Portland today conferring with state tuberculosis association officials. She will return today to attend a showing of the sound motion pictures on tuberculosis at the Cannon Beach P-TA this evening. The health program will be presented by Dr. E. E. Berg and William Seeborg.

### Interviews Scheduled

Members of the Clatsop county Health association Christmas seal sale committee will be interviewed at 5:30 each day except Friday this week over radio station KAST. Today's interview will feature William Seeborg, director of health education and publicity. The Astoria Chamber of Commerce sponsors the programs. Tuesday, Dr. J. V. Straumfjord will give a talk on tuberculosis at 3:30 over the same station in a program sponsored jointly by the health association and KAST. Dr. Vernon E. Fowler appeared on this program today, talking on the subject, "Allergy." Other talks will follow each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

## Dr. Berg Talks At Seaside PTA On Health Topic

SEASIDE Special — Dr. E. E. Berg, county health official, spoke at the Seaside Central school Parnet-Teacher's association Thursday evening on the health problem especially in relation to school.

The grade school Girl's Glee club sang several Christmas carols under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker.

As a result of a membership drive contest among the rooms of the school the present membership is 112. Miss Rose McCormick's and Miss Marion Fulkerson's rooms tied for first prize with 82 per cent of the students parents members of the P.-T. A. A party will be given to the two rooms.

The Study group of the P.-T. A. will meet at the school Wednesday at 2 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. Elliot Hurd.

## *Seal Sale Returns Now Coming In*

Returns from the Christmas seal sale, which started December 1 throughout the nation, are already coming in according to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, chairman. Starting date of the seal sale is determined each year by an agreement between the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association in which it is agreed that the Red Cross roll call shall end December 1 and that the Tuberculosis seal sale will not start until that date. This arrangement does not preclude the educational and publicity work which normally precedes the campaigns.

## DR. BERG TO TALK ON TUBERCULOSIS

11/30/39

Dr. E. E. Berg of Astoria, county health officer for Clatsop county, will speak and show moving pictures on tuberculosis at the meeting of the Central School Parent-Teacher association to be held on Thursday, December 7, at the schoolhouse. Members of the glee club, under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker, will sing several Christmas songs. The session is scheduled to start at 7:45 o'clock, according to Mrs. L. A. Christensen, president of the P.-T.A.

Refreshments will be served after the program by the parents of pupils in the rooms of Mrs. Esther Henningsen and Floyd Sliger.

## CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN SCHEDULED

Arrangements are being completed for another clinic to be held in Astoria Wednesday, December 6, for the crippled children of Clatsop county. The clinic is being arranged for by the Clatsop county health department and the Clatsop county Public Welfare commission.

This is the second clinic to be held in Astoria this year, the first one being May 31.

Any person under the age of 21 years of apparent normal mentality who is suffering from a condition leading to a deformity of the bones, joints or muscles, or who is actually suffering from such a deformity, may attend the diagnostic clinic upon referral by his parents and family physician. In addition, the deformities of cleft palate, harelip, burn contractues and plastic skin contractures are included.

## 26 Children At Clinic

12/8/39

Twenty-six children were examined at the recent crippled children's clinic held at the Flavel house by Dr. John F. Abele, examining physician of the crippled children's division of the state public welfare commission.

Assisting at the clinic were Miss Aileen Dyer, orthopedic nurse; Mrs. Helen Kelly, stenographer, and Miss McKinley, medical social worker—all of the state welfare commission. Mrs. Catherine Webster, field advisor for the nursing division of the state board of health, also attended the clinic's patients, along with members of the local welfare and health department staffs.

Members of the local American Legion auxiliary assisted in preparing the children for examination.

# Tots' Teeth Given Study

The Clatsop county dental clinic started today among four local schools with local dentists examining teeth of children in the first six grades and filing complete reports on their examinations.

The examinations were opened this morning at the Lewis and Clark school and will be continued there tomorrow. Wednesday children of the Gray school will be examined and the schedule calls for clinics Thursday at Astoria and Friday at Star of the Sea.

Parents of first graders examined were invited to attend the clinics this year for the first time. Complete records of examinations among the first six grades are kept by the local county health department on records supplied by the state health department's dental division, sponsors of the teeth clinics.

Dentists will try to examine as many children as possible this year in the program wich is an annual event.

# Health Body Plans Larger 1940 Budget

Activities for 1940 was the main topic of discussion at the regular monthly business meeting of the Clatsop County Health association Friday evening at the Flavel building. A tentative budget which includes provisions for the next Christmas Seal Sale, an enlarged health education program, tuberculin testing and x-rays, preventive work and assistance to the health department was approved.

The program of health education for the coming year as reported by William Seeborg, chairman, aroused considerable discussion. He reported that the sound motion pictures on tuberculosis had been shown at 35 meetings to almost 3,500 people and that a series of 16 health education talks over radio station KAST had just been concluded. Eight radio interviews which included one roundtable discussion also took place during the past month and he stated that considerable space had been given by the Astorian-Budget in support of the health program.

**Broadcasts Due Mondays**

A health education broadcast will take place each Monday at 5:30 p. m. over KAST during the coming year with a continuous program to be mapped out in cooperation with the health department, medical and dental societies and the nurses association, Seeborg reported. He said that an advisory committee will be organized which will assist in organizing definite series of programs so that good continuity of subjects will result. The committee will be made up of members of the cooperating agencies. Other health education plans call for a regular schedule of sound motion pictures and open forum discussions on various health topics throughout the year as well as other methods of education. Programs will be arranged for civic clubs and other organizations desiring them.

A nominating committee composed of Dr. R. W. Kullberg, chairman, Mrs. G. N. Hickok, Mrs. F. Reith, Miss Edith Johnson and William Seeborg was appointed by Dr. Allan Bowler, president.

**Seal Sale Reported**

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman, reported on the progress to date of the Seal Sale, stating that the results so far have been very satisfactory. She said that the workmen's organization of the county has been excellent and that a personal letter campaign is now under way to secure cooperation.

# Netel Grange Sees Films

The entertainment features put on at the Netel Grange Wednesday evening included health pictures shown by William Seeborg of Astoria and a tableau swmpolic of the Christmas time. Miss Margaret Nielsen sang two solos during the showing of the tableau, with Mrs. Harold Larson accompianist. Those in the tableau were Madeline Pratt, Alan Johnson, Wesley and Jerry Anderson, Gilbert and Buster Marxen, Willard Van and George Webber. Arranging the tableau and preparing the scenery were Mrs. Afton Zundel and C. A. Lawton.

During the business session, the retiring master, Harold Johansen, thanked the members for their cooperation and assistance during the past year and the incoming master named the standing committees for the coming year: committees and the chairmen are: legislative, John H. Reith; agricultural, William Larson Jr.; executive, Harold Johansen; finance, Mrs. Belle Behnke; committee on candidates, Mrs. Inga Larson; filed committee, Ben Burns; social committee, Charles Gundy; co-ordinating committee, Louise Anderson; dramatics, Mrs. Nellie Zundel; H. E. C. presiden, Mrs. Helen Seppa; Boy Scout committee, Mark Johnson; speakers club president, Mrs. Louise Anderson; Young Peoples' club advisor, Arthur Straw.

Games were played during the evening under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Abel, Mrs. J. H. Reith, Mrs. H. C. Whitehouse and Mrs. Amos Showalter served a dessert lunch at the conclusion of the evening.

**Health Meetings Set**

The Clatsop County Health association will meet Thursday at 8 p. m. to hear reports on the Christmas Seal sale and discuss budget items for the coming year. The meeting will be held in the Flavel building. Tonight at 8 o'clock the Netel grange's regular meeting will be preceded by a one hour health program.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Clatsop County Health association which expanded its activities considerably in 1939, is already making plans for an even bigger program of health education in 1940. It is a worthwhile work in which the association deserves encouragement.

One of the biggest things the association accomplished this year was acquisition of sound moving picture equipment, with which it has exhibited visual health education to more than 3500 people of the county in a series of meetings. The fact that the people are interested in learning more about proper ways to keep their health is shown by the demands made for showings of health films with the new equipment.

Health is in the long run perhaps the community's greatest asset. Poor health is one of the biggest reasons why backward communities are that way, as has been proven time and time again by science. If Astoria wants to continue to progress, it must ensure that its health remains good, and health education such as the county association has undertaken is one of the best insurances that can be found.

# 1940 Health Education Work Starts

The 1940 public health education program of the Clatsop county health association will be inaugurated today at 5:30 p. m. with a radio talk on dental clinics over station KAST. The talk will be made by Dr. O. W. Lindberg, president of the Clatsop county dental society and will be the first in a series of four to be delivered this month by various dentists in the county.

A well rounded program of health education is being worked out in cooperation with the Clatsop county medical society and the dental society. It will include a radio talk or interview each Monday at 5:30 p. m. throughout the year over KAST as well as other talks at various gatherings. Sound motion pictures will be shown throughout the county with authoritative speakers accompanying the showings to conduct open forum discussions. Pamphlets and booklets by the thousands will be distributed and newspaper articles on local health problems will appear from time to time in the local papers.

William Seeborg, director of public health education, is being assisted in this program by Dr. E. E. Berg of the health department, Dr. Lindberg and Dr. L. M. Spalding of the medical society. A larger advisory committee will be organized this week to assist in the task of supplying authoritative material for the speakers as well as obtaining suitable sound films. The local health education work has been highly praised by state officials as reaching probably more people with a greater amount of informative material than any other county in the state.

## MEMBERSHIP RECORD FOR P.-T.A. IS SET

With a total of 112 persons belonging, Mrs. Mary Littrell, chairman of the membership drive of the Central School Parent-Teacher association, announced at the group's meeting last Thursday night that it had reached an all-time high in its membership records.

Pupils in the rooms of Miss Rose McCormick and Miss Marion Fulkerson will be honored at a party given by the P.-T. A. because they tied for first prize in the drive.

A special feature of the evening was the talk on health given by Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer. Christmas carols sung by the glee club under the direction of Miss Jeanette Kroeker, and a report given by Mrs. Henry Hanson on the Clatsop county P.-T. A. meeting held recently in Warrenton were also on the program.

**Association To Elect**

The 1940 officers of the Clatsop county health association will be elected at a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Flavel building, according to Dr. Allen Boyden, president. Other matters to be discussed will be the coming annual meeting when the officers will be installed and a report on the progress of the seal sale by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, chairman. The nominating committee will make its recommendations to the association and William Seeborg, director of health education, will present a month-by-month outline of the proposed health education program.

# *Health Group Will Show Its Films*

The first showing of sound health pictures by the Clatsop county health association will be made Thursday at 8 p. m. at the Nehalem valley grange when a film on dental care and tuberculosis will be presented. Following the showing, an open forum discussion will take place with a local doctor present to answer questions. A number of requests for showings have already come in and organizations wishing visual health programs are asked to contact either Dr. E. E. Berg of the health department or William Seeborg, health education chairman.

# Schools Drop 2-Semester Plan

## Full Year Courses Substituted

The Astoria school board last night fell in line with most other major Oregon school systems in abolishing the two-semester school year, dissolving such procedure as "1-A and 1-B" and substituting full year courses for each step in the children's academic progress.

The change will only effect those children scheduled to enter elementary schools this January. They will be entered instead next September. The change will not immediately effect students advancing from grade school into junior high, or from junior high into high school. Eventually, there will be no mid-year graduations from high school or junior high. This year, and for the next few, January classes will be graduated from the high school.

**Change To Be Gradual**

For the time being, the only children effected will be those entering school. The state legislature recently passed a law which demands a child be six years old, on or before November 15, to enter school in the preceding September. The board's action effects this situation in this way: children who will be six years old, on or before November 15, 1940, may enter school in September, 1940. Children who will be six years old after November 15, 1940, must wait until September 1941 to enter school.

The new plan also considers what to do about failures. Now, when a student fails, he repeats the half grade. In the future, under the new system, when a student fails, consideration will be given to his maturity as well as to the particular subjects in which he failed to pass. In other words the child will not be penalized in all subjects for failure to pass in one.

Superintendent A. C. Hampton said he recommended the change to follow the best accepted educational procedure that has long been adopted in many large Oregon school systems and is annually being adopted by more and more of them.

**Present System Difficult**

Hampton pointed out to the board the present system's difficulties—expensive, inefficient and cumbersome difficulties that work against pupils, teachers and subsequently parents and taxpayers. He provided records showing the unbalanced classes demanding teachers' time—25 children in the 1-A, three in the 1-B, as a hypothetical. The present system requires two sections in the same classroom for most teachers. The teachers are handicapped because the course of study requirements demand a full program for each section.

Hampton also reminded the board that the school's activities all begin in the fall; that too often children entering in mid-year are social misfits; that they feel out of things. It has been the experience in other school systems (Pendleton, Eugene, Albany, Salem, Tillamook) that there is a more fair distribution of instruction when classes are of equal size; there is more opportunity for democratic discussion in the larger groups, more competition, more of a "natural environment" than results when mid-year entries are shunted into necessarily small groups.

Hampton further pointed out the possibility of eliminating mid-year graduation from high school and the too-often painful interval between the time the children are graduated and the time they either enter higher education in the fall or obtain employment in the summer.

**Should Not Rush Children**

Hampton also told the board there is a growing conviction among educators that youngsters should not be rushed into education; that too often mental or physical immaturity, even among children six years of age and younger, is accentuated by early entry in school; that it blights the child's first chances. Furthermore it has been generally agreed that the promotion of students every few months by threat of failure in passing from one stratum to another is not educationally desirable.

Hampton said he has collected experiences of many other schools where the transition from the split year to the full year has been made and that without exception the new system has been accepted as economically, educationally and socialogically sound by the educators, communities and parents.

The new system will be put into effect this January, when no new students will be accepted in the Astoria schools. The closure to mid-year entry will have little effect on the schools' personnel. Junior high school students will advance into high school the same as always. The only effect will be elimination from January until June of any 1-B class.

**Hot Lunches Provided**

Other business transacted by the board:

Hampton reported facilities were being provided at the Lewis & Clark school for the serving of hot lunches there at request of the institution's Parent-Teachers chapter.

Baccalaureate services for the January graduating class of Astoria high school seniors will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, January 14 in the high school auditorium, the Rev. Harrison Truscott delivering the sermon. Commencement exercises will be held at the high school January 18.

The board authorized Charles Merrill of the Lightning Electric service to experimentally re-light a room in the Lewis and Clark school, to test the efficiency of Merrill's relighting plan he submitted to the board following the P-T. A. request that poor lighting there be remedied.

Enrollment figures at the last of the fall school term showed a gain from 1584 in 1938 to 1601 in 1939, Hampton reported.

# Hickok New President Of Health Body

Guy N. Hickok, manager of the First National bank, was elected president for 1940 of the Clatsop county health association Thursday night at a meeting held at the Flavel building. Other officers elected were: Albert Grimberg, vice-president; Miss Aini Tihila, treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Reith, secretary; Ben Bu[illegible]s, recreation; and William Seeb[illegible], director of health education. The retiring officers are Dr. Allen Boyden, president; Dr. L. M. Lowell, vice-president; Mrs. G. N. Hickok, treasurer, and Mrs. M. E. Olney, secretary.

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale reported that to date, $2,042.26 had been received with all returns from Astoria and outlying communities still incomplete. This compares very well with last year when the final total in April was $2,260.15. Mrs. Spalding said that if every one will send in their contributions, Clatsop county stands a good chance of being near the top in the state in returns per-capita. Last year, this county was fourth among all counties in the state. She said that the returns are being tabulated by Mrs. L. M. Lowell, seal sale treasurer.

**Dinner Meeting Planned**

The president named Mrs. G. N Hickok as chairman of a committee to arrange for the annual dinner meeting which wil be held about the last week in January. Others on the committee are Mrs. M. E Olney, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. R. W. Kullberg and William Seeborg Some authoritative speaker will be invited to come to Astoria for the meeting at which time the officers will be installed.

Seeborg reported that he had met with an advisory committee from the medical society and had formulated a 12-month weekly radio program with a separate series of talks for each month. These talks will appear over station KAST each Monday at 5:30 p. m. Dr. O. W. Lindberg, president of the dental society which is also cooperating in the health program gave the first talk in the new series last Monday. Dr. W. Martin of Seaside will deliver a talk on "Dentistry in Foreign Lands" next Monday, January being devoted to the care of the teeth in the radio programs.

# Health Program Slated At Olney

A public health program for the residents of the Olney district will be held at 7:30 p. m. today in the Olney Grange hall by the Clatsop County Health association. The program, sponsored by the Olney Y. G. A. will be open to the public and will consist of the showing of sound motion pictures on social hygiene and dental care following which Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the health department will conduct an open forum. Because of the keen interest being displayed in the fight against social diseases, a large crowd is expected.

**LEWIS & CLARK P-T. A. TO SEE HEALTH FILM**

The Lewis and Clark P-T. A. will convene Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium for a business meeting and program, including the presentation of a health film, "Social Hygiene of the Family" by William Seeborg, and a discussion of the film by Dr. E. E. Berg.

The public is invited to attend the [illegible]

# Lewis & Clark PTA To Hear Talk

The Lewis and Clark Parent-Teachers association will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 for the January meeting, with William Seeborg, speaker for the evening, on "Social Hygiene of the Family, and Dr. E. E. Berg, also giving a health discussion.

As a program number John Waisanen will present a violin selection A book is being given to the room having the most adult members present at the meeting.

Mothers of pupils in the rooms of Miss Olga Moore and Miss B. Rugnitz will be hostesses.

The executive committee met Monday at the school lunchroom with the hote lunch project the principal order of business

Hot lunches were served at the school for the first time Monday and a WPA cook has been engaged to serve the lunches daily. Mrs. Charles Gibson and Mrs. T. B. Cook were the committee in charge of the project.

Executive board members present yesterday were Mrs. E. W. Hughs Mrs. C. M. Nyland, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Mrs. C. R. Sample, Mrs. T. W Davis, Mrs Harvey Abel, Mrs. R. W Coquillette, Miss Olga Moore, Miss Charlotte Upham, Mrs A. H. Oja, Mrs. C. R. Gibson and Howard Reed

# Health Pictures Shown At Olney

Two films, "Lets Open Our Eyes," a sound movie depicting the attempts made by health organizations to control venereal diseases, and "Ask Your Dentist," a film dealing with dental hygiene, were shown at a publis health meeting at the Olney Grange hall Tuesday evening by the Clatsop county health association. Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the health department conducted and open forum discussion following the showing of the pictures. The program was sponsored by the Olney Grange Y.G.A. The same films will be shown at a meeting of the Lewis and Clark P.T.A. Wednesday night.

# Morrison School Scene Of Dental Clinic This Week

CLATSOP PLAINS, (Special)—Dr. Butler, dentist of Warrenton, assisted by Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurse, held a dental clinic at Morrison school on Tuesday, January 16.

James Hansen completes his eighth grade work this week and will enter Lewis and Clark junior high school in Astoria on Friday morning, January 19.

The new semester at Morrison school began Thursday, January 18. Mid-year examinations are just completed.

# Dr. Martin Named Dental President

Dr. W. I. Martin of Seaside was elected president of the Clatsop County Dental society Thursday.

Dr. A. B. Harding of Astoria is vice-president; Dr. P. H. Stephen, secretary-treasurer. Outgoing officers were Dr. O. W. Lindberg, president; Dr. Fred Lindstrom, vice-president, and Dr. A. Fosdal, secretary-treasurer.

Dental examination of city and rural school children were discussed at the Thursday night meeting as well as the county dental relief problem.

**LEWIS & CLARK P.-T.A. OBSERVES FOUNDERS DAY**

The Lewis and Clark P.-T.A. observed Founders day at the January meeting held recently at the school, and as the program feature for the evening following the business session, William Seeborg presented a film, "Social Hygiene of the Family" with Dr. E. E. Berg, giving a discussion of the film.

Mrs. Carl Nyland gave a reading, "Founder's Day," and John Waisanen presented two violin selections, accompanied by Leon Erickson.

Plans were made for the dedicating of the lunch room at a benefit February 15. The lunch room project has recently been completed for the school with a WPA cook secured to serve lunches to the students.

Hostesses for the social hour were Mrs. Russell Myers, Mrs. V. Hagerup, Mrs. Ole Nygaard, Mrs. Arne Ulifers and Mrs. Betty Nelson, and presiding at the refreshment table were Miss Olga Moore and Miss B. Rugnitz.

# Sanitary Body Busy With Cities On Sewage Plants

The Oregon State Sanitary authority, created by the state legislature to take charge of the program to cleanse the streams of pollution, has been working quietly with numbers of Willamette valley cities during the past year or more on plans for sewage treatment and sanitary disposal, according to Carl E. Green, state sanitary engineer.

In response to a letter from the Astoria-Budget asking what progress is being made, he states it has been given special consideration to Portland's sewage disposal project and as late as December 15 met with the Portland mayor and commissioners to discuss plans for starting such project. The Portland voters authorized such project and sewer service charges to help finance it but to date the city commission has not levied such charges. As soon as such charges are made, the needed engineering work can be done and the first unit of the project aiong Columbia slough started, he says.

Mr. Green also revealed that Eugene has already levied such charges after authorizing construction of a sewage disposal plant. These funds are being held separately to meet construction costs.

Salem, he says, is engaged in a program of re-building trunk sewers which will be a part of the plan for the interception of city sewage so it may be conveyed to a site for treatment.

Dallas, he states, is seriously considering the construction of a complete treatment plant while Albany and M'Minnville are studying similar projects.

**Dr. Berg Will Speak**

Dr. E. E. Berg of the Clatsop county health department will be principal speaker on the Social Hygiene Day meeting on Wednesday at the Rotary Club when community progress in social hygiene and control of syphilis will be reviewed, it was announced today by Guy N. Hickok, president of the Clatsop county health association. With emphasis on a "guard against syphilis" theme, the meeting will consider the problems of medical quackery and the sale of worthless nostrums, and other illegal and wasteful practices as they relate to venereal disease control.

# Hygiene Day Scheduled By Health Body

Renewed activity in Clatsop county's campaign against syphilis and gonorrhea was seen today in an announcement by Guy N. Hickok, president of the Clatsop county health association that Social Hygine Day would again be observed in this city on February 1.

"Principal object of the 1940 observance," Hickok said, "is to acquaint the public with the problems of medical quackery and self-treatment in relation to these diseases and to extend public understanding of their menace to indivdual and public health."

Hickok stated that despite educational efforts of his organization and others, many person still do not appreciate that only a competent physician can properly diagnose and treat syphilis and gonorrhea. "The result," he pointed out, "is that many uninformed men and women are victimized every day by medical quacks, unscrupulous vendors of worthless remedies and home nostrums, and some unethical druggists who prescribe for these serious diseases without being properly qualified to do so

"By meetings, motion pictures and other means, fourth Social Hygine Day in Clatsop county will seek to clarify many of the half-truths concerning syphilis and gonorrhea and once again focus public attention upon their perpetual threat to young men and women, our families and our children," he said.

# Venereal Disease War Progressing

Great progress in the fight to eradicate venereal diseases has been made in the past two years, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, told Rotarians Wednesday when he spoke in observance of National Social Hygiene week, sponsored by the American Social Hygiene association. A relentless campaign of education, legislation and scientific treatment has been started against these scourges, he said, and he prophecied that within a few years there would be a very marked decline in the number of such disease cases over the nation.

Several factors have contributed to the progress made, he said, one being the rapid growth in the number of free clinics, another the dragging of the menace into the open, a third the spread of legislation requiring pre-marriage examinations and pre-natal examinations of expectant mothers and a fourth a marked rise in the blood testing of patients by practicing physicians.

**Clinics Up 287 Per Cent**

Since 1930 the increase in the number of clinics reporting to the U. S. health service has been 287 per cent, he said, and last year 60 per cent more persons were brought under treatment than in 1938. More than 5½ million blood tests were made last year and eight million treatments were given.

There was a 36 per cent increase in Clatsop county treatments over 1938, Dr. Berg said, and the source of between 30 and 40 per cent of infections was traced to prostitution.

Dr. Berg showed a motion picture on syphilis, designed to inform people on the dangers and causes of infection and the methods of successful treatment.

## Talk Over Radio

Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the local health department, delivered an address, "The Pale Spirochete," over radio station KAST Thursday as part of the National Social Hygiene day program in which educational programs were held throughout the nation. Dr. Berg's talk dealt with the early discovery through tests and early diagnosis, of venereal disease, whereby cure could be made almost certain. He also told of the importance of giving Wasserman tests to all expectant mothers and treating those found infected.

The talk, sponsored locally by the Clatsop County Health association and the Clatsop county medical society is the first of a series of programs to be presented on the air and at various meetings during February at which social hygiene will be the theme.

## DENTISTS OF COUNTY

In charge of the activities of the Clatsop county Dental society for the coming year will be Dr. W. I. Martin as president, as a result of the elections held by that body last Thursday at their meeting in Astoria.

Serving with Dr. Martin will be Dr. A. B. Harding as vice-president and Dr. P. H. Stephen, secretary-treasurer.

Dental examination of city and rural school children and the county dental relief program were the main subject of the evening's discussion.

## For Month Is $530,675

"Old age assistance appropriated through state and federal funds for Oregon in December, 1939, the last completely recorded month, amounted to $530 675 under the social security act," stated A. B. Richeson, assistant manager of the U. S. social security board in Portland.

"Average benefit received by each person was $21.33 in the old age benefit group; aid given to the dependent was $75,968 or an average of $[illegible]; and aid to the blind $11,519 with an average of $25.32 per person," Richeson continued.

Richeson was speaker at a League of Women Voters luncheon meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Astoria when the social security act and agencies administered under it were discussed. Other speakers introduced by Mrs. W. H. Copeland, chairman for the day, were O. I. Paulson, assistant state director of vocational education under the social security, Clyde L. Tuel, manager of the Oregon state employment service in Astoria, and Miss Barbara Fairhurst Clatsop county public health nurse.

**Keeping Cards Important**

Additional points stressed by Mr. Richeson were the importance of permanently keeping social security cards, and the clear explanation of the benefits provided widows and dependent children through social security legislation.

Paulson spoke on the vocational rehabilitation work provided in the state and stated that 350 people are now in active training with 600 more active programs being worked out, and between 18,000 and 24,000 others being filed to be helped as quickly as appropriations will permit. The average cost per individual in vocational rehabilitation work in Oregon last year was $284.50.

Tuel discussed unemployment compensation and stated that this was better described as "employment insurance" as the benefits are paid when the worker is out of work. He further explained that the employment service acts as a safety value to the unemployment compensation service.

**Health Benefits Discused**

Miss Fairhurst discussed the functions and benefits being carried on by the Clatsop county health department as a part of the social security program, such as the checking of communicable diseases, preschool clinics, school children health supervision, adult hygient, crippled children's clinics and laboratory specimens.

Members of the social security committee of the League presented a skit before the speakers addressed the group.

Mrs. Charles Miller, president of the league, presided, and an additional guest introduced was L. B. McKnight, deputy collector of U. S. internal revenue.

## A NEW WAR ON OLD DISEASES

On February 1 millions of persons in the United States will be frankly told facts about diseases which less than two decades ago were discussed "out behind the barn." Thursday is "National Social Hygiene Day," dedicated to publicity on perils of syphilis and gonorrhea, the dreadful infectious venereal diseases that afflict an alarming number of our population.

The event is under sponsorship of the American Social Hygiene association and its state chapters: it is being held to advance prevention and cure.

For four years organizations such as the hygiene association, state health groups and our own Clatsop health department have been scattering information about venereal disease. They have delicately pried into a stupidly closed public mind, cutting away dead tissues of archaic morality and Victorian convention. They have placed this subject, along with birth control and others of the "unmentionable" strata our forefathers so sternly hushed, before the people. And after a great deal of hard work, they have brought impressive increases in facilities for diagnosis and treatment everywhere.

Today, 19 states require examinations for syphilis in applicants for marriage licenses, 17 provide for similar tests in expectant mothers. None of these laws is over three years old: most are only one or two. Until recently only inadequate budgets were available in the several states for control of syphilis and gonorrhea. Now, virtually every state provides free drugs to physicians for infected patients and a marked improvement in standards of medical care is in evidence.

At the base of this program is the essence of every child's right to health—at least at birth. Freedom from inherited hell. The association wants youngsters taught that sex is a normal thing, a part of life—the abuse of which brings sad physical, mental and economic consequences. And it wants social legislation and education to prevent the spread of venereal disease.

**Dr. Berg To Talk**

Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the Clatsop county health department, will deliver an address on "Nostrums and Quackery" over station KAST at 5:30 p. m. today. This is part of the weekly radio health education program sponsored throughout the years by the health association and the medical society.

**Moving Pictures Shown**

Moving pictures on social hygiene were shown by Clatsop County Health association officials at two meetings Tuesday night. Dr. E. E. Berg gave a short talk following showing of the pictures at the Junior Service club meeting, and William Seeborg spoke after the showing at a joint meeting of Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans.

**Plan Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting and election of the Clatsop County Health association will be held February 15 in the Presbyterian church house, with possibility that Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state's tuberculosis hospitals, will speak. Dr. Bellinger has been invited. The health association will meet tonight in the Flavel building to make plans for the annual session.

**Plan Rehabilitation Work.**

Clatsop county's health association last night made plans to carry on rehabilitation work among tuberculosis sufferers who have been discharged from hospital with their cases arrested, but who are still unable to carry on strenuous work. An appropriation may be made for this type of work, the association announced at its meeting. Dr. Samuel Allison, director of the division of venereal diseases of the state board of health, was a guest at the meeting. Dr. Allison gave several lectures on syphilis in the county yesterday, in which he outlined causes of the disease and pointed out that the government spends one-third as much each year fighting syphilis as it does to build one battleship.

## Gray P-T. A. Observes 43rd Anniversary

The 43rd anniversary of the national Parent-Teachers association was observed at the Captain Robert Gray P-TA meeting Thursday evening at the school when Mrs. J. Kelley gave a reading on the "History of Oregon Congress of P-TA."

Ralph Peters gave a talk on the work of the National Youth Administration vocational trianing and recognition of youth at voting age. He also announced various radio programs which are educational and instructive.

Dr. Samuel Allison, director of social hygiene of the state department of health, was a speaker for the meeting and William Seeborg presented a sound film.

Group singing of "Land of the Empire Builders" lead by Miss Jennie McKnight, opened the meeting.

Announcement was made that a penny march would be held at the March meeting to contribute fund for the Dr. John McLoughlin memorial. Mrs. M. Lystad was named chairman of the summer round-up. The room trophy was won by the sixth grade for having the largest representation at the meeting. Mrs. P. J. Cosovich was chairman of the program and Mrs. Fred Erickson special chairman of the Founder's day program.

At an attractive spring refreshment table with daffodils and yellow and blue tapers as floral appointment, Mrs. J. C. Ten Brook first president of the Gray P-TA cut the Founder's day cake, and Mrs. H. M. McCallister and Miss Edith Baker poured. Refreshments were served by the sixth grade mothers with Mrs. William Brooks, chairman.

## P-T.A. To Hear Dr. S. Addison

Dr. Samuel Addison, director of social hygiene of the state department of health, will be the principal speaker at the Captain Robert Gray monthly P-TA meeting Thursday evening at 8 p. m. at the school auditorium, and in conjunction with the health discussion, William Seeborg will show the sound film, "Let's Open Our Eyes."

Founders day will be observed with a silver offering taken. Later refreshments will be served with Mrs. William Brooks, chairman.

The public is invited.

# Olney Grange Hears Talk By Wooden

Olney grange met in regular session on Friday evening, February 9, with a large number of members and visiting patrons present. Among the guest patrons were Pomona Master Frank Wooden and Miss Wooden of Jewell grange. Mr. Wooden told of some of the Pomona grange projects for the year and urged all grange members to compete for the subordinate attendance prize to be awarded by Pomona grange for the best 1940 attendance. Mrs. Wooden stated that the Jewell grange was proud of some of its achievements and explained some of the projects being worked out in the group.

Mrs. Florence Hickey made a report on the benefit dance held in the grange hall recently for Finnish relief. Mrs. Sparks reported that the Home Economics club is to sponsor a silver tea in Astoria on February 20 with each club member hostess for four or eight guests. A program will be given, it was further announced. The club plans to hold a special social affair at the next regular meeting which will be held on Friday, February 16.

Henry Simonson told of the work of the grange cooperative committee and agricultural projects for the new year as outlined by the county agent's office.

**March Of Dimes Boosted**

Hollis Ransom of Netel grange was present and invited the members to visit their new mortuary. He stated that the members of the firm had arranged to hold each Friday evening open for visiting by organizations. Olney grange chose March 22 as the date for their visit.

Miss Shirley Vergeer and Mrs. Ednah Sparks spoke in behalf of the March of Dimes program urging the grange to share in this work with some financial assistance. It was voted to send a fund for this work to the county chairman, Mrs. E. P. Burke.

A date early in March, to be announced later, will be chosen for tuberculin tests which the Olney grange is sponsoring for the membership and residents of the community desiring to receive this test. It was stated by Miss Vergeer, county nurse, that no charge is made for testing and that doctors making these tests will be greatly assisted if all taking it will endeavor to be on time. Further announcement as to date and hour will be given in the grange calendar of the daily paper, it was stated.

During the evening several candidates received the third and fourth degree obligation with Pomona Master Wooden giving the charge. Miss Irene Bany and Miss Shirley Luoma will be received as new members at the next regular grange meeting.

**Lecturer Presents Program**

Mrs. Grace Bany, Olney grange master, was requested to represent the grange at the Clatsop county health banquet.

Mrs. Ethel McCoy, lecturer, presented a program consisting of a reading given by Miss Jo Haikura and group singing led by Rab Hall with Mrs. Doris Haikura, pianist.

Supper hostess, Mrs. Bany, Mrs. Haikura and Mrs. Crump, served pleasing refreshments at the close of the meeting. Japanese quince centered the supper tables.

# Dr. Bellinger Will Speak Here

Dr. G. S. Bellinger, superintendent of the Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and Salem, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Clatsop county health association, held next Thursday, at the Presbyterian church annex. The dinner will begin at 6:30, according to Mrs. G. N. Hickok, in charge of arrangements, and reservations should be in not later than Wednesday. Tickets for the dinner are available at the health department in the Flavel building.

Mrs. R. W. Kullberg is arranging the musical program and Mrs. Joseph Johnson is in charge of the tables. The officers for 1940 will be officially installed and annual reports from various committees, particularly Christmas seal sale, will be heard.

**Dr. Bellinger Here Tonight**

Dr. G. C. Bellinger, noted authority on tuberculosis, and superintendent of Oregon State tuberculosis hospitals will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Clatsop county health association tonight. The meeting will take place at the Presbyterian church Annex with dinner to be served at 6:30 o'clock sharp. Musical numbers will be furnished by the YMCA string ensemble and vocal solos will be given by Mrs. E. T. Barnett. Various annual reports by committee chairman will be made during the course of the evening and new officers for 1940 will be presented. The meeting is open to the public.

# Health Society Slates Program

A program of excellent musical numbers, an authoritative speaker and annual committee reports will feature the annual meeting of the Clatsop county health association, according to Guy N. Hickock, president, who, with other officers, will be inducted into office during the program.

Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital at Salem and The Dalles will be the principal speaker of the evening. A string ensemble composed of Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. C J. Layton, violins, Mrs. Loma Ten Eycke, piano and Frank Fricke, cello, will play a group of numbers and vocal solos will be rendered by Mrs. E. T. Barnett. The annual report on the seal sale will be given by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, William Seeborg will report on health education and a report on recreation will be made by Ben Burns.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening at the Presbyterian church annex and will begin promptly at 6:30 with dinner served by the ladies of the church. Dr. Allen Boyden, immediate past president of the health association will preside during the early part of the meeting and will be followed in the chair by the incoming president, Guy N. Hickok.

**Sound Films Shown**

Sound motion pictures on tuberculosis and syphilis were shown at the meeting of the Clatsop county nurses association last night by William Seeborg, health education director for the health association. A discussion on the control of the diseases followed the showing of the films.

# Dr. Bellinger Addresses Health Meet

## Outlines State Campaign To Curb Tuberculosis

For the first time in history of the state tuberculosis hospital there is no waiting list and patients can be admitted easily, due to additional beds made available by the new Portland hospital, Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent, told the Clatsop County Health association at its annual meeting Thursday night.

Dr. Bellinger outlined progress made in early diagnosis, care of patients and attempts to eliminate the malady. He said that Oregon need not be ashamed of its record in tuberculosis control work as the state is well below the national average in incidence. He strongly urged the need for early diagnosis by testing all people so that the source of infection might be discovered and that the patients might have a better chance for recovery.

**Urges Tests Be Made**

Dr. Bellinger pointed to the need of having all domestics as well as others undergo the tests and said that in England and France laws are provided which makes this compulsory. He related several incidents showing the tragic results of tuberculosis being spread to families by adults who were not aware that they had the idease.

Dr. Bellinger was introduced by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, who paid tribute to the fine work being done by Dr. Bellinger and his staff.

Mrs. L. M. Lowell, seal sale treasurer, reported that to date, $2,335.25 had been received as seal sale returns. This, she said, compares very favorably with last year's returns which totalled $2273. Considerable money is expected to come in yet. Dr. Boyden, past president of the association who presided at the meeting, paid glowing tribute to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman and to the American Legion auxiliary for the fine work they have done in the face of difficult odds.

**Recreational Facilities Grow**

Ben Burns, chairman of recreation, reported that considerable progress is being made in providing recreational facilities for the youngsters throughout the county and that efforts toward community beautification are being carried on.

A report on health education was made by William Seeborg. He said that during 1939, 94 showings of health films, both sound and silent were made to a total audience of 10,368 people; 19 talks were delivered to a total audience of 1300, exclusive of open forum discussion; about 40 radio talks and interviews were presented; 6 dental uppet shows at schools were shown to 1631 children; several thousand pieces of public health literature were distributed.

The health education program for 1940 calls for a weekly radio talk over KAST by Dr. Berg. The Clatsop county medical society has appointed an advisory committee. The showing of films will continue as wil lthe other phases of the educational program.

Dr. Allen Boyden, in making his annual report, stated that he was pleased with the cooperation given by officers of the association and in handing the gavel over to Guy N. Hickok, incoming president, wished for him the same cooperation and added success.

Members of the health department, the 1939 and 1940 officers of the health association were introduced during the evening. Rev. Harrison F. Truscott of the First Presbyterian church pronounced the invocation before the dinner which was served by the ladies of the church. Mrs. Guy N. Hickok was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. R. W. Kullberg, Mrs. Joseph Johnson and Women's [illegible] YMCA [illegible] the [illegible] two vocal [illegible] Mrs. E. T. Barnett [illegible] the piano by Mrs. [illegible]

**Tuberculosis Film Shown**

Closed [illegible] the [illegible] sponsored by the public health association in cooperation with the national tuberculosis association was given at Astoria [illegible] at the assembly on Friday morning. The movie concerned a Spanish family in which tuberculosis developed. An announcement was made after the movie that tuberculosis tests will be given at the high school soon for all students wishing to take them.

**Health Association Meets**

Tentative budget for the Clatsop County Health association for next year was passed last night at a meeting of members. The budget provides for health education programs, tuberculin testing, rehabilitation and remedial and protective work. Money for the budget is raised by sale of Christmas seals.

**Visit Health Office**

Mrs. Catherine Webster, field advisory nurse and Mrs. Laura Wells, nutrition consultant, both from the state health department, visited the county health offices today on routine business.

# County Has Well Set Health Plan

Clatsop county enjoys a workable, well-balanced health program, supervised by Dr. E. E. Berg, chief of the county health department and his trained staff of three public health nurses, his associate Dr. Nellie Vernon and secretary.

Established in 1937 and dedicated to improvement of the health, immunization and protection of people from disease and infection over 900 square miles, the department works under immediate direction of the county board of health, which in fact is the county court: Judge Guy Boyington and Commissioners James Elliott and John Slotte.

The service in the county is financed in part by local funds and in part by federal funds, apportioned by the state board of health. In 1939, according to a report issued by Dr. Berg, the cost for public health in this county was 35.9 cents per capita, based on county cost and 61.6 cents based on the total expenditures of the department. Last year the total budget amounted to $13,560, of which $7905 was appropriated by the county.

**Work Has Nine Divisions**

Development of full-time county health units has progressed from 1918, when 43 counties in the country enjoyed such service, to the present, when more than 1000 units may be found throughout the nation.

Activities of the local department are divided into the following divisions:

1. Communicable disease control: in 1939 the department investigated 380 of the 617 cases of reportable disease in the county and made 684 field visits in their behalf.
2. Venereal disease control.
3. Tuberculosis control.
4. Maternal and child hygiene.
5. School hygiene.
6. Adult hygiene and morbidity service.
7. Crippled childrens' service.
8. Environmental sanitation.
9. Laboratory service.

In the preface to his report, to be issued for 1939, Dr. Berg powerfully stated the case for state and federal health programs; and it is toward fulfillment of these purposes, with the motives articulated by Dr. Berg, that the local health department is working—to the benefit of this county's health.

**Accomplishments Reviewed**

"The trying times of recent years, economic distress and general unrest have served to focus attention on preservation of the greatest of our natural resources—health," Dr. Berg writes. "It is a thoroughly accepted fact that needless loss of life, suffering and economic waste through preventable illness, accident and disease is of serious import to all of us. To this end, much has already been accomplished and the machinery for benefits far into the future has been set up: accident prevention programs are functioning throughout the county; the war on tuberculosis is being carried on relentlessly encouraged by the declining death rate; new attacks are being made on the causes of maternal mortality; cancer research is progressing steadily; syphilis has been dragged forth from among the unmentionables and will be among the next of the major diseases doomed to ultimate eradication. A growing health protection program is already achieving results throughout the country."

An allied branch of the health department is the Clatsop County Health association, a voluntary lay organization interested in the health and welfare of the county. Its work encompasses management of the annual Christmas Seal sale, with 75 per cent of the proceeds remaining here to finance the control and prevention of tuberculosis and health education; providance of X-ray examinations and operations such as tonsilectomies and financial assistance for the tuberculin-testing program, which in this damp coastal county is a major health requirement.

Present officers of the association are Guy N. Hickok, manager of the First National bank here, president; Albert Grimberg, Astoria merchant, vice president; Mrs. Floyd Reith, wife of a prominent Clatsop farmer, secretary; Miss Aini Tihila, secretary of the health department, treasurer; William Seeborg, Astoria mortician, health education chairman and Ben Burns, Clatsop county treasurer, recreational chairman.

**Milk Drivers Cooperate**

Working in cooperation with the health department is the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes union, local 522, which annually holds the milk fund jamboree, which last year netted more than $900 for purchase of milk to be served Clatsop school children whose health condition require special amounts.

At close of 1939, ten Clatsop schools were being supplied milk and the department, with funds provided by the unselfish effort of the union members, supplied 23,511 half pints of milk—with as much as 3000 half pints being distributed in one month.

Tied in with the health department are the welfare committee, which supervises work among children and indigent families needing special attention; the American Red Cross, the local chapter of which aids the department in transporting children to Doernbecher and the Shrine hospitals in Portland; provides necessary medical services for selected children of families of ex-service men; assists in health problems of transients; provides layettes and clothing for referred and needy families.

Headquarters of the health department are in the Flavel building, which is the transformed home of a well-known family of Astoria pioneers near the county courthouse and which houses most of the public welfare and health agencies.

## Important Health Work Done Here

Work of the Clatsop county health department, a comparatively new institution, is continually spreading under the direction of Dr. E. E. Berg, health officer, who is shown in the two upper pictures making health tests on children of Astoria schools. Below are children drinking milk in school, part of a service provided by the Dairy Employes and Milk Drivers union in cooperation with the health department.

# Students Ask About T. B. Test Results

**Ages Between 15-21 Most Susceptible To Disease**

"Did you take it " and "Is yours red?" are the most asked questions at school this week. The tuberculin tests were given Tuesday, and is the day they will have "taken," or merely faded away.

These tests are given every year by the county health officials. The annual event is a major part of an extensive program to bring down the high figures in the county health records. Especially the high school students are ureg dto take the test annually: for statistics show not only that the years between the ages of 9 and 25 years show the greatest susceptibility to tuberculosis but also that between 15 and 21 years there is even a greater possibility of contacting the disease.

In February, 1938, a total of 124 Astoria high school pupils took the test—59 boys and 65 girls. Of this group 15 boys and 10 girls showed a positive reaction—a total of 25 who had at some time or another contacte dthe idease. This was about 20 per cent of all those who took it. In other words one out of every five tests was positive. Two hundred and three students took the same test in April, 1939—97 boys and 106 girls. Nine boys and 17 girls reacted positively. This made a total of 26 reacters, one over that of 1938 but the percentage was lower (12 4/5 per cent) because a greater number took it. The greater number of those taking the test in 1939 showed a growing high school interest in keeping tuberculosis under control in Clatsop county.

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# Warrenton's PTA Studies Health At Recent Meet

WARRENTON— (Special) — The P-TA held its regular meeting with T. Dishaw presiding. A program was presented including a health picture shown by William Seehong, lecture by Dr. E. E. Berg and 'History of Oregon P-TA Organization" by Mrs. J. Kelly of Astoria. Talk, "Recreation and Use of Leisure Time" by Dorothy Clausen. Music by the Southerners. Refreshments were served.

**PICTURE SHOWN**

Dr. Berg County Health doctor showed movies here last Wednesday on "Clouds in the Sky" and "The Life of a T. B. Germ." The pictures were both educational and comical, and were enjoyed by all.

# Cannery Workers Must Take Tests

All fish cannery workers, including warehouse employes, will be required to take Wassermann blood tests, it was announced by the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union. Persons afflicted with a venereal disease will not be eligible to obtain employment, it was explained. Hundreds of cannery workers have taken the tests at the two local hospital during the past week.

The union recently passed a resolution directing that all members take the tests. Packers have agreed not to hire a person who submits a "positive" Wassermann card.

There is no statutory requirement to have fish cannery employes tested for veneral diseases.

# *40 Olney Grangers Given T.B. Tests By Health Chief*

Forty members of Olney grange were given tuberculin tests Wednesday at the grange hall at a special meeting by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, and Miss Shirley Vergeer, public health nurse of the Clatsop county health department. The tests will be read by Dr. Berg at the regular meeting of the grange tonight. This program of tuberculin testing of larger groups of adults is sponsored by the Clatsop County Health association. The Olney grange is the first organization in the county which has invited the health department to give tests to its membership and other organizations have signified their intention of doing likewise.

According to Dr. Berg, routine tuberculin testing in the schools in the county will be completed during the month of March. Requests for tuberculin tests in the schools have been very good to date, said Dr. Berg.

Prior to starting the tests in the schools, motion pictures on tuberculosis were shown in the larger schools in the county as an educational feature showing the reason for the tests. In January and February, 25 showings of sound motion pictures on tuberculosis and venereal diseases were made by the health association to a total audience of 2387. This is in line with the policy of the health association and health department to continue visual and radio health education through the year.

Weekly health talks have been made each Monday over station KAST by Dr. Berg, who was appointed by the medical society and health association their official radio speaker for the year. These talks appear each Monday at 5:30 and cover a variety of subjects, some specific feature of health education being given in each series of monthly programs. This month is being devoted to discussions on cancer control, diabetes and arthritis.

The national tuberculosis association each year designates April as early diagnosis month and all programs during April will deal with tuberculosis control work, according to William Seeborg, director of health education for the health association.

# Dr. E. Berg P–T.A. Speaker

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer was the guest speaker at the Cosolidated No. 5 Lewis and Clark P.-T.A. meeting Monday evening. Dr. Berg, who was introduced by the program chairman, Mrs. Charles Anderson, explained the reasons for pre-school health examinations and the value of the Summer Round-Up program as sponsored by P.-T.A. congress units for the pre-school child.

Mrs. Walter Hannie was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for a silver tea to be given in the school lunch room April 16. Mrs. Afton Zundel was appointed committee chairman to arrange the program to be given in connection with the tea. Permanent committee chairmen made reports of the activity of their particular branch of the P.-T.A. unit work. A special committee report of the variety program held recently in the school gymnasium was made by Dewey Van. The committee appointed to assist in the making of costumes for the forthcoming operetta reported that most of the costumes had been cut and fitted.

An auditing committee was appointed to audit the treasurer's book and later the report was accepted and adopted. The 5th and 6th grades won the attendance award for the month.

Bill Wilson, George Manisto, Oscar Manisto, Johnny Walsenen and Gordon Beckner a group of musicians, calling themselves the "Swingtetts" played several numbers as a part of the entertainment program presented by the program chairman.

Mrs. A. Schuit, Mrs. A. Funderburgh, Mrs. Eli McConkey and Mrs. Marten Neilsen served the refreshments

**Dr. Bostrom Coming**

Dr. A. E. Bostrom, assistant state health officer in charge of health departments throughout the state, will be the principal speaker at the Kiwanis club Thursday noon. Dr. Bostrom is a veteran in public health work, having travelled extensively throughout the United States doing promotional and research work. He will talk on early diagnosis of tuberculosis and child health.

# Health Society Delegates Back From Convention

The Clatsop county health association delegates to the annual Oregon Tuberculosis association convention, which was held in Bend this week, returned Thursday evening. Those making the trip were Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman, Mr. L. M. Lowell, seal sale treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Berg, and William Seeborg, health education chairman.

One of the pricipal addresses of the convention was delivered by Seeborg, who had ben invited to talk on "Health Education, the Keynote of Our Program." The health education program of Clatsop county was adjudged the best in the state and Seeborg was asked by delegates from several counties to help outline a program for them.

The report on seal sale, made by Mrs. Spalding, was also adjudged one of the outstanding in the state and it was felt that had it not been for the numerous other campaigns for money which went on at the same time, that this county might have taken top honors in per-capita returns.

Considerable enthusiasm was shown by the health officers and nurses attending the convention, toward the coming health officers and nurses convention which is to be held in Astoria May 23, 24 and 25th.

**Radio Interview Due**

An interview on the activities of various counties throughout the state in health work as presented at the recent annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association at Bend, will be given Monday at 5:30 p. m. over station KAST. William Seeborg, health education chairman will be interviewed by James Wallace, manager of KAST. This will be one of the regular Monday evening health programs sponsored by the Clatsop county health association and the Clatsop county medical society. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, regular speaker on the program, will be out of town. The health association is distributing nine thousand fun-page rotogravure sections as inserts in the newspapers. The methods by which the eradication of tuberculosis is attempted is vividly pictured.

# Health Men To Meet Here

[illegible] of the [illegible] tion will be held in Astoria May 23, 24 and 25 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Oregon Public Health Nurses' association, it was announced today by Clatsop's health department head, Dr. E. E. Berg.

Dr. Berg said the two meetings may bring about 150 persons to the city in late May. The law requires an annual meeting of health officers, organized in 1938 into an association. The association has about 50 members. The nurse's group has a membership approaching 100.

The annual meetings of the groups are usually held in Portland, Dr. Berg said, and the Astoria session will be one of the best ever held in an upstate town.

# Dairy Employes Give Much Milk In Last 2 Months

An unprecedented quantity of milk was supplied 17 school in Clatsop county during January and February through the milk fund fostered by the Milk Drivers and Dairy Eployes' union, it was learned today.

In January 4440 half pints of milk were purchased from the milk fund, which exceeded $900 following the union's Milk Fund Jamboree this fall. The February distribution was 5347 half pints.

When the program started in 1938 the fund provided milk for only three Astoria schools. In 1939 the number of schools serviced climbed to eight. This year milk is being distributed in John Jacob Astor, Lewis & Clark, Star of Sea, Captain Robert Gray, Lewis & Clark Consolidated, Morrison, Warrenton, Hammond, Seaside, Westport, Wauna, Gearhart, Fernhill, Olney, Cannon Beach, Jewell and Necanicum.

# Olney People Get Tests Against T. B.

Members of the Olney grange met in the grange hall on Friday evening for their monthly business session with a large number present. During the evening Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Shirley Vergeer, county health officials, read the reports regarding the recent tuberculosis tests made for Olney residents. Of the 40 persons taking the tests 13 were positives. These 13 are being urged to follow up the test with X-ray examinations. A committee composed of Ednah Sparks, Henry Simonson and Ethel McCoy will meet with William Seeborg to complete plans for the X-rays.

**Health Group to Meet**

Clatsop county health association will meet today at 8:00 p. m. at the Flavel house according to Guy N. Hickok, president. Reports on the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association will be made by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, Mrs. L. M. Lowell and William Seeborg, who, with Mrs. E. E. Berg attended the sessions at Bend last week. Discussion on the selection of a successor to Mr Hickok, who is leaving Astoria, will also take place

## Incoming, Outgoing Banker

Guy Hickok, left, going to Salem after six years as head of the First National Bank branch here during which time he has been one of the community's most active and civic-minded citizens. Replacing him is Harry Claterbos, right, formerly of Coquille. Hickok photo by Ball Studio.

### A GOOD CITIZEN LEAVES

The measure of a citizen's worth to his community is what he puts into it, not what he takes out of it. By such a standard, Guy Hickok, who is leaving for a larger business field after six years in Astoria, has proven himself a very worth citizen indeed. No one has given more generously or more effectively of his time, energies and abilities to many public causes than has he during his residence here and it is not an idle compliment to say that his services will be very greatly missed.

The fact that a half score of civic organizations honored him and Mrs. Hickok with a testimonial dinner on the eve of their departure bespeaks a recognition of the prominent part he has taken in the community life, and may we say, too, that in honoring Mr. Hickok these citizens also honored themselves, for all too often it happens that unselfish service is accepted with little notice or expression of appreciation. That so many would spontaneously join together to pay tribute to one for his labors in many activities for the building of city and county reflects credit upon the citizenship itself.

About all the reward that comes from public service, aside from the indirect benefits accruing from the growth of the community, is the knowledge that one has given commensurately with what he has received and the recognition accorded by friends and associates. There is the additional reward that one grows in stature and in usefulness by such service, attested here by the fact that Mr. Hickok has been called to assume larger responsibilities in his private vocation. It should point the way to a younger generation.

## 112 Honor Guy Hickok At Banquet

One hundred and twelve friends of Guy N. Hickok, manager of Astoria's branch of the Portland First National bank who has been moved to the Salem branch of the firm, last night banqueted the departing banker and civic leader in the Hotel Astoria. And at conclusion of 13 testimonial letters and speeches by organizations Hickok has served, "Guy" resumed his seat when cinders reddened his eyes while he tried to thank the homefolk who gathered to bid him goodby.

Mrs. Hickok, no less honored as the "power behind the throne," took up where Hickok left off in the attempt to meet the barrage of complimentary remarks.

The honorary banquet was toastmastered by Clarence Short, president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. Chamber directors divided the sheaf of testimonial letters and read them while Hickok squirmed in his chair and mopped his moist brow. And the evening unfolded a review of a six-year civic career, during which both Mr. and Mrs. Hickok were active in leadership of organizations which ran the scale from Finnish relief to community concerts and from basketball to public health.

**Various Letters Read**

Arthur Anderson, president of Rotary, read letters from the Red Cross chapter of Clatsop county and the YMCA's board of directors. Jack Wright read letters from the Astoria Regatta association, Lower Columbia Credit association and Rotary club. Sverre Halsan read letters from employes of the First National bank here, the Community Concert association and the Clatsop county recreational advisory board.

M. R. Chessman read letters from the Clatsop County Health association, the Kiwanis club and the Chamber of Commerce. William O'Brien paid his respects as chairman for the Finnish relief committee to Hickok's work on that body and Chief of Police John Acton offered his official congratulations.

Dan Hall, maestro of Astoria community sings, led the assembled guests in some songs. The string ensemble composed of Mrs. C. J. Layton, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Frank Frickey and Mrs. Luoma Ten Eyck played background music and special numbers. A vocal solo was offered by Lawrence Jackson, well-known Astoria baritone.

The Hickok will leave soon for Salem, where Hickok has been appointed to assume direction of the branch in the capital city. Employes of the bank earlier Wednesday presented Hickok with a leather traveling bag.

## Public Invited, Hickok Dinner

The public is invited to attend the dinner for Guy Hickok, manager of the First National bank of Portland branch here, who is leaving for another position, it was announced today by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. The affair will be held at the Astoria hotel Wednesday night at 6:15. Reservations should be made through the Chamber of Commerce no later than Wednesday noon.

The program includes a string ensemble consisting of Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mrs. C. J. Layton, Mrs. Loma Ten Eyck and Mr. Frank Frickey. Other special musical numbers will be arranged. Representatives of ten local organizations on which the banker has served, will give brief testimonials.

Clarence Short, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will speak. Hickok will reply.

## Hickoks Are Feted Before Departure

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hickok were honored at a dinner party Monday evening at Glen Eden house when a group of friends gathered for a farewell affair before their departure. Spring cut flowers and white tapers centered the refreshment table.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howell, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Turlay, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Callan, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stacy, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hickok.

The evening was spent socially and a guest gift was presented the honored guests.

Today members of the International Relations group of the American Association of University Women complimented Mrs. Hickok with a handkerchief shower at the meeting at the home of Mrs. Clarence Ash.

Members attending were Mesdames Euna Pearl Burke, Herbert Howell, J. V. Straumfjord, H. S. Turlay, J. O. Convill, Guy Hickok and Clarence Ash.

Tuesday employees of the First National bank presented Mr. Hickok with a traveling bag at an informal affair following closing hours. Charles Wirkkala made the presentation in behalf of the staff members, and refreshments were served.

The Hickoks plan to leave the city the latter part of the week.

## Grimberg Chosen New President Of Health Group

Albert W. Grimberg, well known local merchant, was elevated to the presidency of the Clatsop county health association last night at the Flavel building. He succeeds Guy N. Hickok, who has accepted the branch managership of the First National bank in Salem. Grimberg was vice-president of the association and a committee consisting of William Seeborg, Mrs. F. H. Reith, Dr. R. W. Kullberg and Mrs. J. Johnson was appointed to nominate a candidate for the vacancy.

Hickok presided at the meeting and tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regrets. Several members of the board of directors expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Hickok for the splendid work they had done here. Mrs. Hickok, until the first of this year, was treasurer of the health association. Their son, Nelson, had also on numerous occasions helped with the health education program.

Reports on the annual Oregon Tuberculosis association meeting which was held last week in Bend were made by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman and Seeborg, director of health education.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, reported on the coming health officers; public health nurses; clerks' and sanitarians' annual meeting to be held in Astoria May 23, 24 and 25. He said that 125 persons were expected to attend. He said also that the health association had provided 25 chest x-rays during the past month besides a large number of tuberculin tests and that he hoped to have all positive reactors x-rayed in about a month. Reports on health education, seal sale and sanitation were also given.

## Pre-School Clinic Due, Warrenton

The annual pre-school clinic sponsored by the Warrenton Parent Teacher association will be held May 7. All children planning to enter school next fall are asked to visit the clinic at this time. A well-child clinic will also be held at the same time and mothers are invited to bring babies. Dr. E. E. Berg will be in charge of both clinics.

Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. Richard Roles are reported to be ill with the influenza.

A regular meeting of the Warrenton F. L. club was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Inez Sanford. A busy evening was spent in making final preparations for the forthcoming state convention with the Warrenton club as host. Refreshments were esrved.

## Pacific Grangers Hear About T. B. Tests' Importance

A talk on the advantages of early diagnosis in the control of tuberculosis was given at Pacific Grange Saturday by William Seeborg, director of health education. He urged having everyone tuberculin tested and x-raying of all positive reactors to the tests so that the physician can determine whether active tuberculosis is present and the exten.

The speaker answered numerous questions on tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment, pointing out that only when all active cases have been hospitalized can we expect to eradicate the disease. This, he said, can be done, but only with public coperation.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will be interviewed on the urgent need for early diagnosis over station KAST at 5:30 today, in one of weekly talks sponsored each Monday jointly by the Clatsop county health association and the Clatsop county medical society.

The interview will deal particularily with the necessity of having all positive re-actors x-rayed.

## Welfare Group Back From Meet

Members of the Clatsop county public welfare commission and the staff returned this week-end from Portland and the state conference of social workers.

Dr. Allen Boyden, Astoria physician and surgeon, was a panel speaker, talking on the subject of "Medical Care for Needy Persons." Attending the conference with Miss Marion Bowen, administrator for the local commission, were Lucille McBride and Barbara Settem, of the local staff; C. A. Nyquist, chairman of the commission, and Mrs. Charles Miller, commission member; Ethyl Gunderson and Shirley Vergeer, public health nurses; Hazel McGuire of the Red Cross; Mrs. Edward Beard of Hammond, Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Clifton and Mrs. Allen Boyden of Astoria, all from the Clatsop League of Women Voters.

**Dr. Berg To Talk**

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will discuss venereal diseases, with sound moving pictures, tonight at 8 in Necanicum grange hall, with the public invited. An open forum discussion will follow the films.

## Clinic Slated For Cripples

A second major clinic for crippled children in Clatsop county will be held under sponsorship of the county public health association and the health department May 28, it was learned today.

Here last week examining records of the local health office were Marion C. Henderson of the state and provincial health authority; Laura C. Harstad, child health consultant, and Mrs. Catherine Webster, field advisory nurse—both of the Oregon state board of health.

## Dr. Dillehunt Will Come Here

Dr. R. B. Dillehunt will be the examining orthopedic surgeon at the clinic for crippled children to be held at the Flavel Memorial house Tuesday, May 28, it was announced today.

The clinic is part of the crippled children's program of the state public welfare commission. Arrangements have been made by the crippled children's unit of the state commission, the Clatsop public welfare commission and the county health unit. Admittance to the clinic is by application, which may be made at any of the three agencies.

## 14 Brownsmead Babies Examined

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) — A well baby clinic was held in the Brownsmead school house Thursday afternoon, April 25, at which 14 children were examined by Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., of the Clatsop county health unit.

Miss Dora Jantzen, teacher of school district No. 39, Brownsmead, and her pupils are making much progress towards a puppet show they will give in the school house early in May. The children have made their own puppets and furniture, and the display looks very interesting.

Miss Rose Breuner of Astoria was a week-end visitors at the Andrew Sorensen home over the past week-end.

## Tomorrow Fixed As Health Day

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, today released President Roosevelt "Child Health Day" proclamation for 1940, setting aside May 1 as the day to "awaken the people of the nation to the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of the nation's children."

The president's proclamation invites all agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to unite upon exercises to make the people conscious of child health. "I hereby call upon the people . . . to take steps needed to strengthen and extend health protection and medical care for mothers and children in every community," the proclamation states.

## *Conventions Numerous This Year*

Astoria, Seaside and Gearhart will be convention centers of the state during the next few months, according to all indications. Already eight of ten conventions have been scheduled.

The conventions committee of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, Austin Osburn chairman and Walter H. Nelson secretary, reports four already scheduled for Astoria, the first of which will be next Saturday when Branch 295 of the National Association of Letter Carriers and of Auxiliary No. 819 will play host to about 100 delegates from District 1. City and county health officers and nurses will hold their convention here May 23-25 with about 150 expected to attend. Beginning June 3 and continuing for 10 days or two weeks, about 150 delegates of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific will meet in the city. The Pacific northwest regional conference of the California Western States Life Insurance Co., will be held here August 31 to Sept. 1 to permit representatives to see the Regatta and participate in the salmon derby.

Seaside and Gearhart each have at least two conventions scheduled for the summer. The League of Oregon Cities will meet at Seaside May 23-25 and the American Legion convention of the state is scheduled for the latter part of August, just before the Astoria Regatta.

The Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association will convene at Gearhart on June 21-23 and the Oregon Druggists association also has its convention scheduled there for June.

**Will Name Vice President**

The Clatsop county health association will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Flavel building at which a vice president to succeed Albert Grimberg, elevated to the presidency at the resignation of Guy N. Hickok will take place. The nominating committee will make its recommendations tonight.

Rev. J. Walton Kempe, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church here, who with his church is host today to opening sessions of the annual convention of the Columbia conference of the Lutheran Augustana synod

## Kempe New Official Of Health Body

Rev. J. Walton Kempe, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, was elected vice president of the Clatsop county health association at a meeting of the organization held last night at the Flavel building. He succeeds Albert Grimberg, who became president when Guy. N. Hickok, who was transfered to Salem, resigned.

Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the health department, reported that the number of people coming into his office and to private physicians of their own volition for tuberculin and blood tests shows a decided increase, particularly among adults. He said that at the present time, groups testing of two organizations is being done, the Olney Grange for tuberculin and x-rays and the cannery workers union for blood tests. Tuberculin tests will be given members of the Pacific Grange next week, he said, attributing this "step in the right direction" in health protection and prevention of communicable diseases largely to the health education program being carried on continuously throughout the year by the health association. He said that the response in the x-raying of positive reactors to the tuberculin tests among school children is gratifying, pointing out that 95 per cent have been x-rayed and that those showing suspicious chest conditions are rechecked every six months or oftener if advisable.

**Big Problem Still Here**

A great tuberculosis problem still exists in Clatsop county, Dr. Berg declared. Twelve adult cases of active tuberculosis, most of them between the ages of 25 and 40, have been discovered in the county this year to date, which is almost equal to the total of last year. This does not necessarily mean that the disease is on the increase, but rather, indicates that cases which have been active for some time are being discovered and placed under treatment, he said.

"We should see definite decline in tuberculosis incidence in the next three or four years if public coopertation in the program continue to increase as it has in the past year or so," Dr. Berg stated. He said also that tuberculin testing in the county has increased at least ten fold since the establishment of the health department here.

Three showings of health pictures and four health lectures were delivered during the month, it was reported by William Seeborg, health education chairman, who said that four radio talks were also given over station KAST. He said that at the request of the Oregon Tuebreulosis association, he had drafted an outline of this county's health education program which the state organization is using as a model for other counties.

Albert Grimberg, president, presided at the meeting and said that it was an inspiration for him to hear of the fine work that is being quietly done in the county by the health association and the health department.

**Summer Roundup Set**

A summer roundup of pre-school age children who will enter Lewis and Clark Consolidated school will be held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the school. The affair is sponsored by the Parent-Teachers association and Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will be in charge. Free examinations will be given for the pre-school children.

**Going To Salem**

[illegible] of the Clatsop county health department, leaving tomorrow morning for Salem where he is to address the staff of the State Tuberculosis hospital on the subject "County Control of Tuberculosis." He is to be interviewed at 5:30 today over radio station KAST on pre-school examinations by James Wallace, manager of the station.

# Dr. Weinzirl Wins Honor

## Portlander Named Health Group Head

ASTORIA, May 25 (AP)—Dr. Adolf Weinzirl, Portland city health officer, was elected president of the Oregon Health Officers' association at the close of a four-day conference here Saturday.

He succeeds Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, Klamath Falls.

Dr. A. A. Merkle, Medford, was elected vice-president and Dr. A. E. Bostrom, assistant state health officer, secretary-treasurer.

At the closing session, Dr. Frederick Stricker, Portland, executive secretary of the state health board, told 120 delegates that a personnel merit system would be started among Oregon's public health units this summer.

The merit system, he said, is necessary for Oregon to qualify for United States public health service financial aid and funds from the United States children's bureau.

Officials said joint meetings of public health nurses, health officers and sanitarians, first held this year, probably would be continued at a Eugene convention next summer.

## ANNOUNCE CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

A clinic for the crippled children of Clatsop county will be held in Astoria Tuesday, May 28 at the Flavel Memorial house.

This clinic is part of the Crippled Children's program of the State Public Welfare commission. Arrangements have been made for the clinic by the Crippled Children's Services of the State Public Welfare commission, the Clatsop county Public Welfare commission, and the Clatsop county health unit.

Admittance to the clinic is by application, which may be made to either of the above mentioned county offices.

Dr. R. B. Dillehunt will be the examining orthopedic surgeon.

# Delegates For Cities League Arriving Now

Fifty finance officers from Oregon cities, counties, and state offices opened the fourth annual convention of the Oregon Finance Officers' at the Seaside hotel at a noon luncheon today. Following a welcome by City Auditor Gault Patton of Seaside, Mrs. Grace Schiska, association president and Lane county treasurer, outlined the convention work program, stressing the need for training finance officers, and stimulation of citizen interest in budgeting and financial affairs.

Mrs. Schiska, who was introduced by Commissioner R E Riley of Portland, stated, "As finance officers we must arouse the interest of citizens not only in our own local fiscal affairs but also in the affairs of the state and the government. Most individuals are not interested in the annual reports of the county and city treasurers. A personal cash balance in the local bank seems to be the only interest of most individuals. There is need for investigation along this line; citizens should be enlightened and more interest aroused."

The luncheon introduced a series of round table discussions throughout the afternoon on budgeting, safekeeping of bonds, sinking funds, auditing and accounting practises. Modern improvements in the finance field were stressed by discussion leaders who included: Floyd Bowers, secretary of states office; City Manager J. L. Franzen of Oregon City; A. L. Amacher, Hillsboro accountant; Ruth Hoagland, Marshfield city treasurer; Will E. Gibson, Portland city auditor; James Q. Adams, Ashland city recorder; and Arthur M. Cannon of the Oregon State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

**Banquet Due Tonight**

Orval Etter, legal consultant for the League of Oregon Cities, discussed "Improvement anticipation [illegible]" Arthur M. Cannon Portland accountant, discussed "Auditing practices in Oregon local government."

At the annual banquet tonight, Lee C. Stidd Portland banker, will speak on "The impact of federal activity in the private housing field upon local government finance."

These sessions continue through Thursday when the League of Oregon Cities opens its annual convention at Seaside. Its meetings open Thursday with a general session at 9:30, presided over by H. W. Hand, mayor of Corvallis, who is president of the league. Various municipal servants, city attorneys, members of civil service commission, utility managers and others have their own group gatherings.

**Health Meet Due Here**

City, county and state public health officials and nurses will open their annual summer conference Thursday morning in the Lewis & Clark school auditorium, it was announced today by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician.

The meeting will draw city and county health officers, the Oregon Health Officers association, public health nurses, sanitarians and secretaries and will run from Thursday through Saturday.

Thursday afternoon the conference sessions will be moved to Seaside, for joint discussions with the League of Oregon Cities' delegates, gathered there for their annual convention. Friday morning the health officers will reconvene in Astoria at 9 o'clock for professional panel discussions on tuberculosis, typhoid typing, venereal disease treatment and scarlet fever. Dissussion leaders will include Dr. G. C. Bellinger, head of the state tuberculosis sanitarium, Dr. William Levin, chief of the state's typhoid laboratories; Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, Portland public health physician, Dr. Wendell H. Hutchens, member of the state board of health; Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, executive secretary of the state board of health and others.

The conference is the first of its kind to be held in Astoria.

# *Health Officers Launch Annual Convention Here*

County and city health officers and sanitarians from 18 Oregon cities were early registrants at the annual conference of city and county health officers, which opened this morning at the Lewis & Clark school here.

Today's opening session was confined to a business meeting, the delegates leaving Astoria following a noon luncheon, for Seaside to participate in the League of Oregon Cities convention there this afternoon.

The luncheon topic of discussion was the value of the health conservation contest, directed by Dr. A. N. Johnson and Dr. E. L. Gardner, county health officers, the former from Roseburg and the latter from Eugene. Sanitation was to occupy the session's time in Seaside this afternoon, where Carl E. Green, state sanitation engineer, was to talk on stream pollution, a subject of interest to the fishing industry in Astoria.

Early registrations included one delegate from the national capital, Sam Kimball, who will participate in Friday panel conferences, will address the delegates on the important phase of health work—"Health Department Recordings." Kimball is from Washington, D. C.

Doctors and sanitarians registered by noon today were from La Grande, Union, Fossil, Roseburg, Eugene, Coquille, St. Helens, Lakeview, Washington, D. C., Medford, Klamath Falls, The Dalles, Salem, Hillsboro, Portland, Tillamook, Oregon City and Dallas.

# Health Folk Conclude Conference

The annual conference of county and city health officers, sanitarians, public health nurses and staff members from health offices throughout Oregon closed at the Lewis & Clark school at noon today.

Dr. Adolf Weinzirl, Portland health officer, succeeded Dr. Peter H. Rozendal of Klamath Falls as president of the health officers' association. Dr. A. A. Merkle of Medford was named vice president and Dr. A E. Bostrum, assistant state health officer, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county physician in charge of the conference's first Astoria appearance, said the combined meetings of all units of health workers was an experiment and will probably be followed in the future as result of this meeting's success.

**Statistics Law to be Modernized**

Dr. Frederick Stricker, executive manager of the state health board, told the conference today new legislation will be introduced in 1941 at Salem, modernizing the state's vital statistics law. Dr. Stricker said among other improvements, the law will be amended to give counties sole authority to register vital statistics, in place of the four or five legal registrars now found in some counties.

In a talk Friday afternoon Dr. Stricker outlined some of the features in the proposed merit system among Oregon health officers and said classification of present personnel to fit them into a merit system has already begun. Dr. Stricker pointed out the state's public health organizations must be put under some merit system, to qualify for federal funds through the U. S. public health service and health departments of the U. S. Children's bureau. Qualifying examinations will probably be given this summer, he told the delegates.

There were 40 health doctors and sanitarians registered for the Astoria conference. Attending the sessions were 11 secretaries from counties where full-time public health offices are maintained and there were 80 public health nurses taking part in the nurses' section.

Eugene was named as the next convention city.

# Health Meet Hears Talks On Diseases

Technical discussions of tuberculosis, typhoid typing, diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease and scarlet fever occupied the annual conference of city and county health officers and sanitarians, being held in the Lewis & Clark school.

The public health service nurses section opened its sessions today for the first time, with Miss Margaret Portman presiding over the first panel discussion on nursing supervision of the well child and Miss Alice Bracket, regional nursing consultant of the federal children's bureau, high lighting the problem with a talk on parents' education. Sanitarians and health department secretaries likewise held special meetings this morning.

The afternoon session was opened with a general meeting of all health personnel in the school auditorium and a number of speakers scheduled for appearances, including Dr. J. V. Straumfjord of Astoria. An important speaker was to be Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, executive secretary of the state board of health, who was to talk on the merit system in the state health setup.

# Crippled Tots' Clinic Slated

The first of two [illegible] the health department offices at the Flavel building. It is a part of the crippled children's program of the Clatsop county health unit.

The American Legion auxiliary will assist the examining physicians and nurses transport the children who will be exempted to and from their homes.

**Crippled Tots Examined**

Drs. R. F. Dillehunt and John F. Abele, orthopedic surgeons, Tuesday examined 38 crippled children in the semi-annual clinic held at the Flavel building offices of the county health department. The doctors were assisted by the Legion auxiliary, who provided transportation for the children. The clinic was under supervision of the health office here and the public welfare commission. The examining doctors will make recommendations for the children's care later, it was announced.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ASSISTS AT HEALTH CLINIC**

Mrs. Harriette Meyers, American Legion auxiliary child welfare chairman, announced in the meeting Tuesday evening that the auxiliary would again assist the county health department with the crippled children's clinic in the Flavel house. Transportation for the children was arranged.

Members of the child welfare committee are Mrs. Irma Havlik, Mrs. Florence Nyls, Mrs. Helen Quarles, Mrs. Sybil Crohn, and Mrs. Etta White.

A short business meeting was followed by a Memorial service in memory of Mrs. Harry Billie and Mrs. Norman Smith, members who had passed away in 1940, and in memory of other members.

The Legion auxiliary arranged to participate in the Memorial day parade.

**Urges Food Covering**

Not all local grocers have been complying with the state regulations requiring certain foods to be entirely covered, according to C. S. Merydith, inspector here for the state department of agriculture. Merydith said an enforcement campaign will be undertaken. He also said some grocers have been lax in meeting the requirement that all foods outside the store be at least 18 inches above ground. Merydith said he has asked the cooperation of Dr. Nellie Vernon, city health officer, in his enforcemen campaign.

# Pre-School Clinic Slated In Warrenton

WARRENTON (Special)—There will be a pre-school clinic and well-baby clinic held at the Warrenton school Tuesday afternoon, July 9, at 1 o'clock, under the auspices of the Warrenton Parent-Teacher association. All children who will be entered in the first grade this fall are asked to be brought in for their check-up [illegible]

**Summer Roundup Scheduled**

Summer health roundup of pre-school children in the John Jacob Astor school district will take place Monday at the county health office in the Flavel building, according to officials of the school's P-TA, which is sponsor of the event. Examinations will begin at 8:30 and continue all day with Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, and Miss Shirley Vergeer of his staff in charge. Assisting will be Mrs. T. N. Johansen, Mrs. Otto Bumala and Mrs. Carl Kvistad of the P-TA. About 40 children who will be eligible to enter the Astor school next fall will be examined, it is expected.

**Examinations Planned**

All pre-school children who will enter Captain Robert Gray junior high school in September will be examined by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, June 5 at 1 o'clock in the Flavel building. Mrs. Eva Lystad is chairman of a committee from the school's PTA which will assist in the examination.

[illegible] Dr. E. E.

# Pre-School Health Exams Scheduled

With the opening of school for the fall term on September 9 only a month away, city school authorities today warned parents of children who will enter school for the first time that they must be examined by the county health department.

Children may enter school if their sixth birthday occurs on or before November 15, according to a new state law.

Physical examinations for children entering for the first time will be given in the county health department office in the Flavel building Wednesday, August 14, from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 3 o'clock. Children must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible person. Children who attend the summer round-up examinations in June need not return for another examination.

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop County Health Officer, recently sent us a tabulated report of the tuberculin testing program among school children for the past year. Those tested had either never been tested before or had been negative to previous tests. The report gives an average of 3.6 per cent reactors for all the children, with a low of 2.8 per cent for those under ten and a high of 6.6 for those from 15 to 19. This is a remarkable reduction from the general average of about 15 per cent which prevailed before the establishment of the Health Department. Do you know where your county stands with regard to tuberculous infection? [illegible] August 1940

# School Light Job Looming

The Astoria school board Tuesday night authorized J. E. Wicks, school architect, "to prepare and submit to the board sufficient plans and specifications in accordance with and based upon the report of Thomas E. Taylor, electrical engineer, who made a survey of the lighting system for the Lewis & Clark school —to improve and revamp the lighting system of that school."

The board's action is the latest development, following Taylor's report after he was retained to survey the lighting system and recommend its improvement as requested by the school's P.-T. A.

The board accepted the tennis courts at the Captain Robert Gray school, subject to the final approval of George McClean, engineer in charge of their construction.

Wicks was named to make the annual appraisal and replacement value of school properties. James Hogg was employed to audit the school clerk's books. Provisions for payment of janitors at the various schools, for summer work in taking care of lawns.

Bids for fuel oil were received and accepted – the contracts divided among four companies for supplying oil to four schools in the city system at rates of $1.25 per barrel on industrial fuel and $1.35 per barrel on light domestic fuel oil.

[illegible] Health Conference [illegible] will be held at the Brownell [illegible] p.m. Dr. [illegible] health doctor [illegible] Vaughn [illegible] in charge of the conference.

# Seaside Milk Supply Gets High Rating

## Seaside Milk Shed Put On Accredited List With Average Of 96, Result Of Health Men's Survey

The Seaside milk supply was given the highest rating of that for any city in Oregon in the survey completed here recently by the United States bureau of public health. The rating of 96 per cent places Seaside on the public health service accredited list, on which there are but three cities in Oregon, Seaside, Astoria and Portland.

The ratings were announced this week after a survey made by a representative of the public health service, which took into consideration 26 different points concerning the production and handling of milk, sanitation and condition of cattle. Every producer serving the Seaside milk shed was examined and rated and the average for all farms and plants compiled. The result places Seaside at the head of any city in the State of Oregon, topping even the other two cities on the accredited list, Portland and Astoria.

**Conditions Severe**

The accredited list is made up of cities which distribute milk produced under the best possible conditions as laid down by the health service. Every element which goes into the production and the distribution of milk is considered and rated according to a schedule worked out after long years of experience. Ratings are made only after an exhaustive survey of every producer, every milk handler and every plant processing milk.

On the accredited list are only about 400 cities in the United States. Of the three in Oregon two are in Clatsop county. Seaside is the only resort city in Oregon offering to the traveling public the protection of accredited milk and one of the very few resort cities in the United States with this distinction.

**Milk Rated Superior**

Seaside has always had a fine, healthful supply of milk. During the past few years, however, efforts have been made to produce the best possible grade of milk, a grade which is far above the standard required under most city and state regulations. Last year the survey failed to place Seaside on the accredited list by a narrow margin. Since that time producers have made every effort to meet the requirements, often at considerable expense to themselves.

The survey which determines the rating is based on 26 separate points, covering barns, milk houses, equipment for handling milk, cleanliness of handler and delivery equipment, water supplies, processing equipment, health of cattle and everything which might have any possible bearing on sanitation and health conditions.

Naturally, everyone concerned with the milk business in Seaside is very proud of the record made and they expect to improve the average rating when the next survey is made next year.

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July 15, 1939

Dr. E. E. Berg, Health Officer
Clatsop County Health Department
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Berg:

I appreciate very much having the Health Activities report covering the year 1938 for Clatsop County.

I wish to congratulate you also on the [illegible] you have arranged this report and upon its [illegible] and good form in general.

Yours truly,

G C Bellinger

G. C. Bellinger, Supt.

CCB:JEL
CC:- Dr. L. S. Coerke, Health Officer
Yamhill County Health Ass'n.
333 N. Davis Street
McMinnville, Oregon

EUGENE, OREGON

July 13th, 1939

E. E. Berg, M.D., Director
Clatsop County Health Department
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your Health Activities Report for the year 1938 and I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your department on the splendid piece of work you have done.

Your report shows a well balanced program as well as good organization and this report will be used as a "measuring stick" for our own activities.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

E. L. Gardner

E. L. Gardner, M.D., Director
Lane County Health Department

ELG:rf

Office Secretary:
Rachel Fraley

Telephone 333-R Court House
THE DALLES, OREGON

July 14, 1939

E. E. Berg, M. D.
Medical Director
Flavel Memorial Building
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Doctor Berg:

I received a copy of your annual report for 1938 and want to compliment you on the neatness and excellent presentation of material. You have a very good health department. I hear very excellent reports about it.

I hope you had a successful year at Minnesota and hope to see you sometime this summer.

Very truly yours

H. E. Erickson, M. D.
Medical Director
Wasco County Health Unit

HE/fo

Oregon Tuberculosis Association 605 Woodlark Building Portland, Oregon

August 4, 1939

Dr. E. E. Berg
Clatsop County Health Officer
Flavell Memorial House
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Berg:

The excellent report of the health activities in Clatsop County for 1939 was on my desk after I returned from the East. I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to send this to me and I have just finished reading every word of it.

Clatsop County is to be congratulated not only upon getting out such a splendid report, but for accomplishing such a tremendous amount of work during the past year. But after all, it is no more than many of us have expected, for the active interest in health conservation by offical and lay people alike in Clatsop County has long been a source of gratification to many of us. May the good work long continue to flourish!

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Stuhlman

ECS:HP

Acting Executive Secretary

Welcome back to Oregon!

# Cash To Buy Milk For Children

Above, Ed Bjork turns over a check for $9,244, collected by the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees union in their annual milk fund campaign held recently, to Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician in charge of distribution. The funds will provide free half-pints of milk to school children throughout Clallam county. The fund this year exceeded by about $65 that collected a year ago and will buy 36,977 half-pints of milk for Clallam county children. Those in the picture are, from left---Ken Stone, secretary-treasurer of the union; Dr. Berg; Bjork, who is president of the union and Everett "Rosebud" Merriott, recording secretary. A-B photo.

# New Sanitarian Provides Inspections

## Long-Desired County Sanitation Check-Ups Available

[illegible] for [illegible] Oregon state [illegible] made it possible for [illegible] inspections [illegible] camps, sewage [illegible] septic [illegible] as well as water [illegible] to schools and out [illegible] Weekly inspections [illegible] pool supervision of [illegible] sanitary [illegible] Illness is provided. Investigation of complaints against illegal disposal of garbage, inadequate plumbing and source of [illegible] on the job orders of the [illegible] He acts as inspector of [illegible] FHA homes.

[illegible] calls for sanitation checks on public parks and beaches, industrial and agricultural camps. Provision is made for sanitary school surveys. A part of the program consists of health education, including talks, motion pictures and literature.

Increased activities of the state board of health since the assignment of the sanitarian to the county are shown in the number of inspections and calls made. The figures to 1941 are for only six months while those for 1940 are for the full year:

| | 1941 | 1940 |
|---|---|---|
| Field visits to private premises | 115 | 23 |
| Camp sites inspected | 22 | 3 |
| Tourist inspections | 40 | 0 |
| Swimming pools | 26 | 0 |
| Schools | 16 | 0 |
| Public water supplies | 14 | 5 |
| Sewage plants | 46 | 3 |
| City dump inspections | 13 | 0 |
| New septic tank installations | 26 | 0 |
| Water analysis | 204 | 100 |
| Field visits to dairies | 5 | 0 |
| Field visits to food handling establishments | 30 | 21 |
| Lake and swamp surveys | 5 | 0 |
| Parks | 6 | 0 |
| Bunkhouse inspections | 3 | 0 |
| Health education (talks and film showings) | 15 | 5 |
| Interviews and professional meetings | 200 | 75 |

# Vice Spots To Be Shut By Police

City police today closed commercialized vice [illegible] and warned bootleggers to get out of business.

Chief of Police John Acton informed the city council Monday night that the action to close houses of prostitution would go into effect T[illegible] The [illegible] heard the report [illegible] but after adjournment, informally discussed the commercialized vice condition here.

George T. McClean said the police were "closing" the town on their own decision and not because military authorities have complained of the existence of commercialized vice here, and have intimated that unless the situation is taken care [illegible] town under authority of the May act.

### Army Opposes Vice

In the course of attempting to "clean up" vice conditions which have thrived without any control [illegible] military authorities have adopted a policy of stopping in to suppress [illegible] posts unless civilian authorities did not ban it. This general plan for suppressing prostitution by the army has been held in abeyance here for some time because local military officials have recognized the remarkably effective way in which Astoria has controlled prostitution in this community.

It is unlikely, known that venereal diseases in Clatsop posts have [illegible] of cases that have occurred were traced to out-of-town sources of infection. Despite the [illegible] a virtual ultimatum to close the houses of prostitution, which are controlled here through rigid health inspection and by licensing of rooming houses.

### City Officials Concerned

City officials, while declining to comment on the situation, are seriously concerned with the outcome of the closure. Police said that new prostitutes will now scatter outside the formerly controlled area and will no longer be regulated under severe police control. An inevitable increase in venereal infection is predicted. City commissioners informally said that closing of the houses would expose women to criminal attacks. This situation is the more grave here because of a small police force, city officials observed in discussing the matter after the regular meeting of the council. The general conviction among civilian authorities is that the army officials who are enforcing indiscriminate closure of houses of prostitution are not cognizant of local conditions which have been controlled remarkably well with fewer cases of infection, and without corruption.

# Tidepoint Asks Quarry Be Cleared

[illegible]ont company has ask[illegible] council what the City [illegible] about clearing away garbage and debris from the firm's quarry near the lower end of the City Park road. On December 18, the city dump slid down the hillside, much of it coming to rest on the open quarry. The [illegible] was surrounded [illegible] formerly owned the [illegible]

E. W. McMindes, [illegible] Tidepoint company, in a communication to the city council, which was read at the Monday night council meeting, said that his company wanted to start work on the [illegible] at once. The matter was r[illegible] the city manager for a r[illegible]

### Assistance Backing Asked

A communication from the Oregon Graduate Nurses association [illegible] Carl Moore, [illegible] of the White Cross Amb[illegible]

[illegible] by Monsen, is not payi[illegible] to justify keeping it goin[illegible]

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health physician and head of the medical division of the [illegible] county defense committee, [illegible] ed before the council to [illegible] that Monsen be retained in some [illegible] ity with the city. He stressed Monsen's qualifications and pointed out [illegible] ambulance [illegible] ency. Ma[illegible] county [illegible] Dr. Berg that the city mana[illegible] would take up the case. Informally, several commissioners said they considered ambulance [illegible] private matter in w[illegible]

## DR. BERG TO SPEAK AT MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will be the principal s[illegible] at [illegible] the W[illegible]s club to[illegible] held Tuesday afternoon at the Woman's club house. The [illegible] will be public health, with Dr. Berg addressing the meeting on the subject of social diseases.

Mrs. O. C. Hagmeier is chairman of the committee in charge of the program. She is being assisted by Mrs. J. E. Vinson and Mrs. Irving Allen.

## DR. BERG TO BE CLUB SPEAKER

Health and Hygiene will be the subjects of discussion at [illegible] meeting of the Junior Woman's club to be held Tuesday evening at the Woman's club house. Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the county health department, will be the principal speaker, Mrs. Okema Cartwright, president of the group, announced this week. The program is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Virginia Culver.

# MEASLES TAKES LEAD

## Epidemic Tops Year's Ailments In Clatsop

The measles epidemic which in the winter and early spring of 1941 reached [illegible] proportions, led in the number of cases of communicable diseases reported last year in Clatsop county, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, stated Tuesday in his annual [illegible] port.

Reported cases of common (two-week) measles totaled 191 as an increase of 107 over 1940, and 47 cases of German measles were listed against two in 1940.

Except for measles, a great reduction was noted in other children's diseases, principally chicken-pox, whooping cough, [illegible] Pneumonia cases reported for nursing visits and 292 cases were admitted to the [illegible] The health department [illegible] 411 [illegible] nizations.

The following table compares [illegible] 1941 and 1940:

| | 1940 | 1941 |
|---|---|---|
| Chickenpox | 171 | 39 |
| [illegible] | 19 | 1 |
| Scarlet fever | 18 | 7 |
| Whooping cough | 121 | 3 |
| Measles | 84 | 191 |
| German measles | 2 | 47 |
| Diphtheria | 5 | 8 |
| Dysentary | 2 | 2 |
| Erysipelas | 3 | 1 |
| [illegible] | 266 | 60 |
| Pneumonia | 19 | 9 |
| Infantile paralysis | 3 | 4 |
| Tuberculosis | 28 | 10 |
| Typhoid fever | 0 | 3 |
| Undulant feve | 0 | 2 |
| Gonorrhea | 28 | 17 |
| Syphilis | 50 | 25 |
| Trench mouth | 1 | 14 |
| Scabies | 29 | 8 |
| Impetigo | 10 | 23 |
| Lumbago | 8 | 6 |
| Ringworm | 8 | 8 |
| Pneumococcic sore throat | 1 | 1 |
| Diphtheria carrier | 1 | 0 |

The health office[illegible] department, headed by Verne Relerson, was extremely active after its establishment in mid-year as a full-time job. Dr. Berg's report revealed [illegible] grounds, tourist camps and swimming pools, 160 inspections of public water supplies, 50 inspections of sewage plants and 19 trips to refuse dumps.

Laboratory work also occupied a good share of time with 224 bacteriological tests being made of water, 14 typhoid cultures, 104 diphtheria cultures, 940 kahn tests for [illegible] 81 tests for gonorrhea and 146 tuberculosis sputum examinations.

Tuberculin tests given in the [illegible] program counted 2767, to which there were 197 positive reactions. Seventeen persons were given sanitorium admissions, [illegible] admitted to medical service and 277 to nursing service. Altogether, 1250 persons attended the 16 lectures on tuberculosis throughout the county.

School hygiene was a major part of the year's program with 4318 inspections being made by physicians and nurses. Physicians examined 755 county school children for a multiplicity of reasons and 1604 dental inspections were made. Heart and hernia checks totaled 194, vision checks, 811. The infant and preschool hygiene work resulted in 869 nursing visits and [illegible] cases of nursing service.

Nurses made 208 calls to crippled children and 39 children were examined at the annual clinic. Milk and food handlers exams numbered 421 and 297 visits were made in maternity service.

Eighty-two venereal disease cases were carried and 908 clinic visits and treatments were recorded.

## Clinic For Babes Due In Hammond

HAMMOND (Special)—The Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA will sponsor a well-baby clinic on Tuesday, January 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the [illegible] hool lunch room. Diphtheria and [illegible] allpox vaccinations will be avail[illegible] Dr. E. F. Berg of Astoria will [illegible] charge. Mothers are asked to [illegible] all pre-school children to the [illegible]

## Clinic Slated

BROWNSMEAD [illegible] Dr. E. E. Berg [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Vinson will hold a well-baby [illegible] in the school house Thursday afternoon [illegible] 1:30 to 3:30 [illegible] tion [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

## By Order of The Army

It is not given to an ordinary layman to comprehend fully the [illegible] by which federal bureaucracy [illegible] except that any ordinary [illegible] knows that such ways are devious and [illegible] devoid of rhyme or reason, and we [illegible] exclude the military from this polite [illegible]. We have in mind the new order of the day in connection with the attempt to control and minimize local vice conditions.

It [illegible] the proud boast of this community that it [illegible] more that it has been as clean as any water front city anywhere—a happy contrast to conditions which existed here as recently as twenty years ago. There has been vice, to be sure, for no city has yet [illegible] the estate of earthly paradise, but [illegible] have been no notorious dives, no exploitation of vice, no official corruption in connection with its presence, no scandals. There has been strict regulation and control in practical recognition of any city or county's inability to suppress vice entirely or legislate immorality out of existence.

[illegible] the advent of army and navy contingents to this area, there has been close co-operation between military authorities and city and county officials to make control of commercialized vice rigid to the end that physical disabilities from social diseases be held to a minimum. The results [illegible] highly satisfactory as the medical [illegible] at the military posts reveal. The [illegible] of infections has been kept well below average and the number traced to [illegible] sources been only a minor fraction of [illegible]. This has come from strict regu[illegible]

[illegible] closure in the sense that there will be [illegible] houses of sin.

[illegible] not mean, however, that the [illegible] will be rid of prostitution. It [illegible] stead of being a localized in[illegible] it will be spread throughout the city [illegible] unty, clandestine, unregulated, uncon[illegible]led, untreated. It would take a small [illegible]y of city and county police to ferret out [illegible] of the temporary, shifting abiding places [illegible] such vice and medical authorities never [illegible] catch up with it.

[illegible] is newspaper will never appear as a [illegible] of vice elements but it is rational [illegible] to know that there will be vice just [illegible] as human frailties exist. It led the [illegible] years ago to clean up the noxious [illegible] nauseating conditions under which vice [illegible] then and it has approved a [illegible] which a firm hand has been kept hold on vice elements since, a system that is now discarded by order of military authority. Our only reason now in writing this is to fix the responsibility where it belongs, the responsibility for changes for the worse which we predict will result and which will be reflected upon the medical records at our nearby posts.

## Health Officer Is Speaker At Club Meeting

Ignorance is one of the chief stumbling blocks in the conquest of social diseases, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, told members of the Woman's club at their meeting held on Tuesday afternoon at the club house. He emphasized the fact that the diseases could be wiped out in one generation if the public would only take the attitude that social diseases are merely communicable diseases like measles or mumps and not to be treated a moral problem.

"As soon as a problem becomes too large for the individual to overcome successfully, it becomes a public problem," Dr. Berg told the large assembly of women present. "Social diseases are today one of the prime problems of public health. The economic loss from them cannot be accurately estimated, but we know the cost is tremendous."

In outlining a campaign to rid the nation of the terrible scourge, the health officer emphasized four points. They were, public discussion of the problem; compulsory examination, including blood test, before marriage licenses are granted; compulsory blood tests for expectant mothers, and the treatment of the diseases at public expense once they have been diagnosed.

Dr. Berg's talk followed the showing of a film which showed briefly the discovering of the germs which cause the diseases and the evolution of cures. The film was shown by V. C. Reierson, also of the county health department. The title of the picture was, "With These Weapons."

At the business meeting that preceded the lecture Mrs. Gray Kyle, president of the club, announced the purchase of a $100 defense bond from funds of the entire club including the music department and the bazaar committee as well as the general funds of the club. The single bond of the larger denomination replaces the several smaller bonds which the club had originally planned to purchase.

Other business included the announcement of the appointment of Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. J. E. E. [illegible] and Mrs. W. C. Kirk as representatives of the club [illegible] nutrition classes [illegible] here next month. Mrs. K[illegible] stated that the annual [illegible] benefit of the scholarship fund would be [illegible] the next feather [illegible] club.

Plans for the [illegible] were announced as arranged by Mrs. [illegible]meier. She was assisted by Mrs. Irving Allen and Mrs. J. E. Vinson.

## Seaside Club Hears Talk By Dr. Berg

SEASIDE, (Special) — [illegible] chance [illegible] and the cure of social [illegible] declared Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, when he addressed members of the Seaside Woman's club Tuesday afternoon. He stated that further progress can be made with better cooperation from the public.

These diseases should be treated as communicable diseases as mumps or measles and not as a moral problem, according to Dr. Berg. He expressed his definite approval of the law requiring medical examination of women as well as men before marriage licenses are granted. The elimination of [illegible] chance has been stressed as to wipe out the disease by Dr. Berg stated. There are now 15 of these clinics in Oregon. He said that with proper cooperation these diseases can be eliminated in one generation.

### Film Is Shown

Dr. Berg's talk followed an illustrative film on the subject. It was shown by V. C. Reierson, also of the county health department.

Mrs. Gray Kyle, president of the club, presided at a short business meeting preceding the lecture. Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. W. C. Kirk were appointed to represent the club at nutrition classes to be held here February 23.

The club voted to donate the use of the club house one of the first aid classes sponsored by the auxiliary to the American Legion. It was announced that the club had purchased a $100 defense bond from funds of the club, including the bazaar committee and the music department.

### Silver Tea Set

Mrs. Gray announced that the annual silver tea for the benefit of the scholarship loan fund would be held at the next meeting of the club.

Mrs. O. C. Hagmeier was in charge of the program Tuesday assisted by Mrs. Irving C. Allen and Mrs. J. E. Vinson.

association. Rev. Harrison F. Truscott who has visited the reservation a number of times spoke on the authenticity of the picture as well as giving facts pertinent to the efforts of the local health association in eradicating tuberculosis. Others on the program were Miss Violet Bakkensen, lieutenant commander of the Astoria unit, Women's Volunteer Ambulance corps, who spoke briefly on the activities of the unit. Also present were two other members of the corps. Rev. Truscott was introduced by William Seeborg, health education chairman, who also ran the pictures

2823 Leeward Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.
April 17, 1926

Dr. C. E. Rice
Ventura County Health Com.
Hall of Records
Ventura, Calif.

Dear Dr. Rice:

I was pleased to receive a copy of the County Health Dept. report from your office. I must admit that I had not before known what excellent County Health work is carried on and I was very much interested and much enlightened by your report.

I was particularly glad to read of the attention given children with defects, as until our Child Guidance Clinic became established by the present quota under standards, one had such a hard job to get the child to clinic.

It is gratifying to me that so many defects are being eradicated from Hall House. I had so wanted the report to be of some real value to the County. Yours sincerely, Elsa

Station Hospital

Fort Stevens, Oregon

After this date, please have my address changed on your mailing list, from the above, to:

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Dr. I. J. Kerr, Director
Clatsop County Health Department
Floyd Gunvald Bldg.
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Kerr:

I appreciate very much the annual report of the health department work in Clatsop County for 19[illegible]. This is very complete in every phase and also contains material which I am very glad to have in the files for reference.

Your summary of measures for the control of tuberculosis is, in my opinion, very good sat. I would suggest one point in connection with No. 7, that is, diagnostic sanatorium [illegible] and complete preventive rooms be considered as [illegible] important.

Sincerely,

G. C. Bellinger, Supt.

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April 1, 1940

Dr. L. L. Lee
Clatsop County Health Officer
Travel Central Avenue
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Lee:

Thank you for the prompt reply of the annual report of the Clatsop County Health Department. It is not only most interesting to us, but it is a part of ours. With reports of this kind, Clatsop County should continue to go forward rapidly in the control of disease and the promotion of better health among its citizens.

I am sorry you were not able to be with us at Lund. As it was, Dr. Jackson had to fill one of our engagements. As you undoubtedly knew would be the case, Clatsop County could do excellent meeting for itself.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Witchen

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Acting Executive Secretary

THE X-RAY REVEALS TUBERCULOSIS **BEFORE** SYMPTOMS APPEAR

*Consult your doctor periodically.*

# FACTS

*for thinking folks:*

## TUBERCULOSIS

- From 15 to 45 the leading cause of death
- A communicable—NOT an inherited disease
- Every case comes from another
- Caused by germs
- Can be prevented
- Can be cured
- One may have it without knowing it

*How these Facts apply to life:*

• John T. played on the high school team. He was one of the best all-around athletes and stood high in scholastic honors.

• When the school offered the tuberculin test, his parents were wise in requesting the test for John.

• His skin test was positive, indicating that at some time during his life he was exposed to tuberculosis. An X-ray was taken of his chest.

• The X-ray showed that John was seriously sick. He did not feel sick. He had no symptoms. The older methods of diagnosis would have failed to find his tuberculosis but the X-ray revealed it.

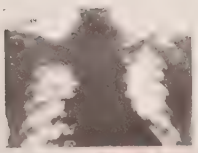
• There was no spreader of tuberculosis in John's family. However, diligent search for a spreader began. His probable "contact" was traced to his aunt.

• When John was a child, his aunt often called and kissed him. She had tuberculosis and didn't know it then. She planted many tuberculosis germs on John's mouth.

• John in the sanatorium. Modern methods of treatment cure his tuberculosis. It took him only six months to get well because his tuberculosis was found *early*.

• John returned to school. He had kept up with his studies while in the sanatorium. He was graduated with honors.

This is only one of the thousands of similar examples of how early diagnosis is saving lives. Before the chest X-ray was available for early diagnosis, John's story would have been different. Valuable time would have been lost. John would have waited until his sickness became evident by signs and symptoms. No longer do alert physicians wait for signs and symptoms to appear because they know now that EARLY TUBERCULOSIS is usually symptomless tuberculosis. No modern physician considers a physical examination complete without an X-ray of the chest.



**The X-RAY reveals tuberculosis *before* symptoms appear**

PHONE BROADWAY 2886

OREGON TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION
605 WOODLARK BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

August 20, 1940

Dr. E. L. Berg
Clatsop County Health Officer
Flavel Memorial House
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Berg:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of August 15, and the tabulated report of the tuberculin testing done among school children during the past year.

It is indeed most interesting to note how the per cent of those infected is coming down. Some few years ago practically all our counties showed an average of about 15% of infection.

There is one question concerning this that has aroused my curiosity and I wonder if it would be possible to obtain the answer without too much research. You state that the figures "represent children who have had previous negative tests and those who have not been previously tested." I am quite curious as to what the infection rate is among children who have had previous negative tests. Of course, for this information to be of any value, analysis would need to be limited to children in similar time intervals. For instance, how many positive reactors were there among children reacting negatively one year ago, two years ago, etc.? Maybe someday we will have sufficient workers to go into all these details which, from the standpoint of tuberculosis control, it seems to me might be quite valuable.

Thank you once more for sending me the material.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Witchell

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Acting Executive Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
THE MEDICAL SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

August 7, 1940

Dr. W. P. Perry
Health Officer
Lotsey County
Astoria, Oregon

My dear Doctor Perry:

Upon my return from a meeting this week I found awaiting me a copy of your annual report for 1939. I have not had time as yet to read the report carefully, but am very favorably impressed with its general composition. The form of it is attractive, the arrangements clear, and it is a very comprehensive picture of the work you have done. It must be very much to be congratulated on such an excellent report. I shall anticipate hearing from you in this way at the end of the year you are now doing.

Very sincerely yours,

Ryburn G. Hansen, M. D.
Professor and Head of the
Department of Preventive
Medicine and Public Health

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PHONE BROADWAY 2886

OREGON TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION
605 WOODLARK BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

August 27, 1940

Dr. A. L. Berg
Clatsop County Health Officer
Flavel Memorial House
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Dr. Berg:

Miss Aitchen and I have been discussing your recent report on tuberculin testing and I cannot settle down to work again without first telling you how thrilled I am about some of its interesting features, and how grateful we are to you for setting it up in such perfect shape.

I am especially impressed with the difference in reactions shown by boys and girls, especially the first four grades in Astoria and the twelfth grade in all schools. And I can imagine with what zest you have set out to find an explanation for the high percentage of reactors among twelfth grade boys.

I have your report of two years ago before me and want to congratulate you on the great gain that the new report shows. Of course, I am aware that you made a big clean-up, so to speak, two years ago, but even so you have approximately a third of your entire school population in this group and you must be very happy about the findings.

Do I note one little typographical error on the summary page where eighth grade girls show 9.7% positive?

I think you have set a new low for both grade and high school groups, though our state-wide average has never been above eight for grades or twelve for high schools. The last summary that I made showed the high school average just under ten, which is twice as high as yours.

I hope you have sent a copy of this report to Dr. Bellinger. He would be as thrilled as we are.

Very truly,

R. Grace Holmes

LGH:KP

Statistician

## AN ENEMY THAT MUST BE CHALLENGED

Reprinted from Editorial in Astoria Evening Budget of April 14, 1928

CLATSOP county has an insidious enemy in its midst and few people realize just how strongly it has established itself or how seriously it is menacing the health and life of the community. It is the dread disease tuberculosis.

Lest we seem to magnify the proportions of this danger, let us here record a few significant facts.

Clatsop county has the unenviable distinction of having more tuberculosis cases proportionally than any other county in the state.

The number of patients from this county in the state sanitarium exceeds the quota allotted to this county and there are a number on the waiting list here.

The number of deaths from tuberculosis in this county averages 20 annually, proportionally the largest number in the state.

The county health nurse now has listed for observation 31 different cases in this county and it is estimated there are equally as many more which are not listed.

These statements, made upon the authority of the Clatsop County Health Association, are not pleasant to consider. We cannot deny the facts and it is worse than profitless to conceal them. There will be no adequate remedy of the situation until they are generally known, their significance realized and a campaign inaugurated to reduce them.

The comparative prevalence of this disease in this county is not attributed to climate or other natural conditions here. The health authorities ascribe it to the large percentage of foreign-born residents who, especially the older people, have become habituated to living in crowded homes which are kept too hot and too poorly ventilated. However this may be, the causation is not beyond the reach of standard and proved methods of treatment.

Any campaign to be effective must stress several requirements: One is the education of people to submit to a thorough diagnosis when symptoms significant of the disease are first observed. A second is prompt treatment while the disease is in its incipient stages. A third, and vitally important, is a segregation of cases to prevent the spread of the disease.

The most pressing single need is that of some place where cases may be cared for adequately during the period when they are waiting for admission to the state institutions. There is no such place at the present time. The local hospitals are not equipped to care for this class of patients. Neither is the county hospital, but, nevertheless, there have been ten cases sent there during the past year and a half while awaiting admission to the over-crowded state tuberculosis hospital. There are two there now. Of the ten, death called five of the patients before their turn came to go to the state institution. The county hospital can at best accomodate only male patients.

Ten applications for admittance to the state hospital have gone in from this county during the past few weeks. They are placed on the waiting list. No. 1 on the Clatsop list is No. 52 on the state list. There must be 53 vacancies there before another case can be admitted from this county. The new hospital to be built at The Dalles has just been started. It will be many months before it is ready to receive patients. Even then the facilities will not be sufficient to accomodate all applicants, and each county must care for its own for temporary periods.

Two or three little, single-room cottages located on the county farm would suffice. The health association has been offered several small frame buildings at abandoned logging camps, and they could be moved to the county farm at no great cost, but the association has no money with which to meet the small cost.

Failure to so segregate these cases is the greatest single cause of the spread of the disease. Several cases are now confined in rooming houses where they threaten every occupant. One man afflicted with the disease lives in a small house with his wife, daughter, son and the daughter's 18-month old baby. He was admitted to the state hospital once but left without the physician's permission. He now wants to return but there is no room for him. The family has but a single bedroom and the presence of the patient subjects all other members of the family to the danger of contagion. There is no room at the county hospital for him.

To take cognizance of this condition and to act against it is a duty enjoined upon the county. We not only owe it to the sufferers to save them if we can but we owe it to all others to safeguard them from the contacts which make for a spread of the disease. It is a communicable disease, and is communicated freely where proper precautions are not observed. Under present conditions here, such precautions cannot be observed, and that is why Clatsop county maintains its position at the top of the tubercular list.

## ENLIST YOUR DOLLAR

Reprinted from Editorial in Astoria Evening Budget of May 1, 1928

A DOLLAR a year to fight the white plague!

This is what the Clatsop County Health Association is asking of individual citizens, this and their active moral support in the campaign to reduce the number of cases of tuberculosis in this county through prompt treatment of incipient cases and the isolation of these to prevent the communication of the disease to others.

The association is sending out hundreds of letters inviting individuals to become members at the nominal dollar fee. With the money thus available and the support thus secured, the officers plan a program endorsed by medical authorities for curbing this disease.

No better argument can be offered as to the need of such a program than citing again the fact that this county holds the unenviable position at the top of Oregon counties in the proportion of tuberculosis cases to its population.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ASTORIA, OREGON

CLARENCE E. SHORT, PRESIDENT
BILL CALLAN, MANAGING SECRETARY

June 14, 1940

Dr. E. E. Berg
Flavel Building
City

Dear Dr. Berg:

On behalf of the membership of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Astoria, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the success of the joint convention of County Health Officers of Oregon and the Public Health Nurses of Oregon.

The Chamber of Commerce and its membership have heard and received numerous remarks about the successful convention held and even to the point of the two groups wanting to come to Astoria again in 1941. We would like to pass the remarks we have heard on to you. We know that you will invite these organizations to come to Astoria again when the proper time presents itself, and we would like to express our pleasure of having them for their convention in 1940.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Clarence E. Short

Clarence Short, President

/ Bill Callan

Bill Callan, Managing Secretary

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# PROGRAM

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A. Edward Bostrom, M.D.

# PROGRAM

May 23, 24, 25, 1940
ASTORIA AND SEASIDE

All meetings May 24th and 25th at Astoria in Lewis & Clark School

**THURSDAY — May 23rd**

May 23 — Astoria — Lewis & Clark School

9:00 A.M. Registration

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting Oregon Health Officers Association

11:00 A.M. Committee Meetings

12:00 Noon—Luncheon—The Value of the Health Conservation Contest:
Dr. A. N. Johnson
Dr. E. L. Gardner
General Discussion

3:00 P.M. Meeting with League of Oregon Cities — Seaside Hotel
Relation of Health Departments to Other City Departments—Dr. V. A. Douglas
Problems of Rural Sanitation—Willard J. Cloyes
Stream Pollution—Carl E. Green
Inspection of Seaside Sewage Disposal System

6:30 P.M. Dinner — Seaside Hotel
Speaker—Mr. O. R. Bean
(Representing Gov. Sprague)
State and Local Relationships

**FRIDAY — May 24th**

A — HEALTH OFFICERS SECTION
Dr. P. H. Rozendal, presiding

9:00 A.M. Asymptomatic Tuberculosis:
Dr. G. C. Bellinger
Discussion opened by
Dr. W. T. Johnson
Dr. S. B. Osgood

9:45 A.M. Typhoid Typing: Dr. Wm. Levin
Discussion opened by
Dr. J. W. Thom

10:15 A.M. Diagnosis and Treatment of Gonorrhea: Dr. J. Guy Strohm
Dr. W. E. Nielson
General Discussion

11:00 A.M. Scarlet Fever:
Dr. Adolph Weinzirl
Discussion opened by
Dr. S. G. Henricke
Dr. H. E. Kelty

**Friday Morning**

B — PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES' SECTION

8:30 A.M. Registration — Lewis & Clark School
NURSING SUPERVISION OF THE WELL CHILD
Miss Margaret Portman, presiding

9:00 A.M. Teaching Nutrition to Parents
Miss Bertha Edwards, formerly Nutrition Consultant East Harlem Nursing & Health Service

9:45 A.M. Motion Pictures

10:15-11:45 A.M. Parents Education
Miss Alice Brackett, Regional Nursing Consultant of the Children's Bureau

C — SECRETARIES SECTION
Mrs. Ethel Lehrman, presiding

D — SANITARIANS SECTION
John Borden, presiding

12:00 M. Joint noon Luncheon—
Astoria Hotel
Health Officers, Nurses, Sanitarians, Secretaries and others

**FRIDAY — May 24th**

1:30 P.M. General Meeting all Health Personnel—Dr. D. R. Rich, presiding
Dr. S. G. Henricke—Infant and Pre-School Supervision
Discussion opened by
Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson

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3:00 P.M. Mr. Sam K[illegible] Health
Department Records
Discussion opened by
Dr. Daniel Trueinger

4:30 P.M. Merit System—
Dr. Frederick D. Strieker
General discussion and questions

5:30 P.M. Health Officers and Sanitarians
[illegible] meeting—Astoria
Hotel

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SATURDAY — May 20th

[illegible] A.M. [illegible] Health Officers Business
Meeting
Sanitarians Meeting — A.F. Hegle-
Portland, Dr. [illegible]
presiding

[illegible] [illegible]
Miss Lucile Forster

[illegible] A.M. Vital Statistics
Dr. Frederick D. Strieker

[illegible] A.M. Child Guidance—
[illegible]

[illegible] A.M. Future Programs for Annual
Conference
Discussion led by Dr. E. E. Berg
Mrs. Blanche Priblie
Mr. John Borden
Mrs. Ethel Johnson

Entertainment

Adjournment

# School Start Is Prepared

Preparing for the opening of the fall term of school, A. C. Hampton, city school superintendent, today announced dates for physical examinations for students entering the local schools for the first time, and also called a meeting of the faculty. School opens here Monday.

Final physical examinations for pupils entering Astoria schools for the first time will be held in Flavel house by the Clatsop county health department Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3. Pupils must take the health examination before they are admitted. School authorities urged that parents have their children take the tests to permit attendance on the opening day of school.

Hampton said that principals of the several city schools met today to map out plans for the opening of the fall term. He announced that principals would be in their offices daily until school started from 9 to 12, and from 1 to 4. There will be a meeting of all teachers in the Lewis and Clark high school auditorium Saturday morning at 10.

# Pre-School Exams Tomorrow

All children entering Astoria schools for the first time at beginning of the fall term September 9 must have had physical examinations under a new state law, school authorities pointed out again today.

They called attention to the fact that the last chance for such examinations will be tomorrow, when Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will give examinations at his office in the Flavel building from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 1 to 3 in the afternoon.

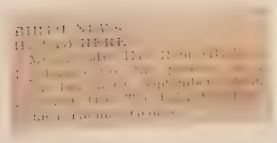
Children who will become six on or before November 15 are eligible to enter the first grade, school authorities said.

**Baby Clinic Scheduled**

A well baby clinic will be held under auspices of the county health department Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in Warrenton high school auditorium for all children in that vicinity. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will conduct the clinic.

**To Speak on Health**

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health department director, will speak on communicable diseases over Radio station KAST Monday afternoon at 5:30.



**Health Association**

The Clatsop County Health association will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Flavel building, to hear reports on fall activities being scheduled. The meeting, through a typographical error of last night as was announced erroneously yesterday. Mrs. L. M. Spalding will discuss plans for the annual tuberculosis seal sale, while William Seeborg will discuss fall and winter health education plans. Al Grimberg, president of the association, will preside.

# Seal Sale Institute's Start Set

The Clatsop County Seal Sale institute will start October 3 this year, it was announced by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, chairman of the organization, at a meeting of the Clatsop County Health association Thursday night. Miss Elsie Witchen, acting executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will conduct the institute this year. In addition to Mrs. Spalding, county officers are Mrs. L. M. Lowell, treasurer, and Bill Seeborg, chairman of health education and publicity.

Local chairmen throughout the county are being contacted and appointed, Mrs. Spalding announced, and the list will be complete by October 3, when the institute starts.

Bill Seeborg reported on the plans for the fall and winter. Civil and fraternal organizations will be contacted, and will be provided with lists of speakers and motion pictures available.

**May Obtain New Film**

A new film dealing with tuberculosis may be purchased by the organization, and numerous other films, including a film on cancer control, are now available for general showing to all interested organizations. The health association has its own projector and sound equipment, and can provide showings of the films at no cost to all organizations who apply for such a showing. It is requested that such groups get in touch with Bill Seeborg as soon as possible to avoid duplication in dates of showing.

In the past it has been difficult to purchase films because of the lack of availability, but it is hoped that more will be available in the future.

Dr. E. E. Berg, of the Clatsop County Health association, will start his regular series of broadcasts over station KAST every Monday at 5:30 soon, it was announced.

Last year's health program was adjudged as the best in the state and among the best in the nation, it was reported to the meeting. Much interest was shown at the meeting, and a program which will be among the best ever projected is looked forward to.

Albert Grimberg, president of the health association, presided at the meeting.

# Dental Clinic Starts Monday

A dental clinic for the first six grades of school will be started Monday, under the auspices of the Clatsop County Dental society, and supervised by the county health department.

The clinic will be started in Astoria, and will proceed through Seaside, Warrenton, and all the larger schools of the county.

Completion of the clinic will take a month or six weeks.

# Radio Health Education Series Opens

The new fall and winter radio health education series of the Clatsop county health association, conducted by Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the county health department, is now in full swing with the fourth talk to be delivered today at 5:30 p. m. over station KAST. Common communicable diseases is the theme with the discussion centering around such diseases as scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, smallpox and infantile paralysis. A series of talks on minor contagions will follow the first part of the program according to William Seeborg, director of health education.

The health association has just purchased another film to supplement its growing health education material. This is a sound version of the film "Behind the Shadows," shown quite extensively throughout the county last year as a silent film. It deals with tuberculosis and its various phases of infection as well as the method of control through early diagnosis of the disease. Another new sound film ready for showing is one titled "Choose to Live." This deals with the control of cancer and was prepared by the U. S. Cancer society and the Public Health department. It is a wonderful picture, showing the fact that cancer can be cured if discovered soon enough, said Seeborg, and is particularly suitable for showing at women's clubs although it is of tremendous interst to men as well. Requests for health programs, which are made free of charge, should be made to either Seeborg or Dr. Berg.

Dr. Berg's topic for todays radio discussion will be "Whooping Cough."

# Seal Sale School Set

The 1940 Clatsop county Christmas Seal sale institute which will be under the direction of Miss Elsie Witchen, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be held Thursday, October 3, at the Astoria Hotel dining room according to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, Seal Sale chairman. The institute will open with a luncheon and will continue throughout the afternoon with discussion session. Most of the community seal sale chairmen are expected to be present to hear the instructions and suggestions which Miss Witchen will give. Albert Grimberg, president of the Clatsop county health association, sponsor of the seal sale, stressed the importance of all seal sale workers attending the institute, saying that trained workers bring better results and are better able to answer questions put to them by the public.

Mrs. Spalding is this week completing the appointments of community chairmen. The responses from those asked to take the responsibility of organizing local seal sales has been excellent and most encouraging, said Mrs. Spalding.

# Seal Sale School Held

The 1940 Clatsop county seal sale institute which was held Thursday afternoon at the Astoria hotel was a great success according to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman, who presided at the meeting. The institute was conducted by Miss Elsie Witchen, executive secretary of the Oregon tuberculosis association. Those in attendance were Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Clifton, Mrs. William M. Chambers, Knappa, Mrs. Carl Anderson, Warrenton, Mrs. William E. Warren, Cannon Beach, Mrs. Carl Miller, Seaside, Mrs. W. Simonson, Knappa, Mrs. Floyd Reith, Mrs. Ross Link, Miss Shirley Vergeer, Miss Barbara Fairhurst, Mrs. A. Brandenburg, Mrs. Roy Wimber, Mrs. Lester Crohn, Mrs. Spalding and William Seeborg, all of Astoria.

Miss Witchen complimented the Clatsop county organization highly for its efficiency in organizing and conducting the seal sale in past years and also paid her compliments to the health education program and to the local health department for the splendid results which they have attained. The different phases of the seal sale program were outlined and explained by Miss Witchen.

# Health Society Plans Contest

A new health contest, seal sale organization and health education were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop County Health association held last evening at the Flavel building. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, reported that he is completing plans for a county wide youth health contest, details of which will be announced later. Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman, reported that her county organization is now complete and that the names of the various chairmen will be announced soon. She also reported on the success of the seal sale institute which was held here recently.

Letters explaining the fall and winter health education program have been sent to 150 organizations and 190 teachers in the county, it was reported by William Seeborg, health education chairman. He stated that a booklet outlining the health of the growing child was included with the letters to the children. Albert Grimberg, president of the health association, presided at the meeting.

**15 Children Tested, Clinic**

SVENSEN. (Special)— The free baby clinic held in the school Thursday afternoon under the direction of Dr. Berg and Vergie Virgeer was well attended. Fifteen little children were examined throughout the afternoon. This is a service the mothers of Svensen appreciate, which is shown by their good attendance.

## Heads Counties

Clatsop county's Judge Guy Boyington, elected president of the Association of Oregon Counties in Portland after serving as vice-president last year. He is the second Clatsop official to be named president of a state group in two days, as Arthur Danielson had just been named head of the state association of county engineers.

# Boyington President Of County Body

PORTLAND, (UP) — Judge Guy Boyington of Astoria was elected president of the Association of Oregon counties last night at the conclusion of the 35th annual session.

He succeeds Judge Charles E. Baird, Baker. Other officers named were Judge Carl W. Chambers, Pendleton, vice president; Fred Gibson, West Salem, Polk county, secretary-treasurer.

The convention closed last night with a banquet. The final association business session adopted resolutions advocating legislation held necessary to aid counties in meeting various requirements.

The delegations went on record urging the state to carry a larger portion of the relief and public welfare load. One resolution would make it mandatory on the state public welfare commission to increase its contributions toward care of dependent children, the aged and the blind, in order that the ever-growing loads on the counties might be lightened.

Earl B. Dey, Medford, former president, reported on the work of a special committee which is attempting to have a bill introduced in congress providing for the federal government to contribute set sums in lieu of taxes to forestry states. Eleven western states are joining in the project and a meeting is scheduled for Salt Lake City in January.

In their final session late yesterday, the association of county treasurers elected new officers, as follows: Naomi Vangilder, Moro, president, R. E. Sweeney, Medford, vice president, and Marguerite Stasek, Tillamook, secretary treasurer.

# Early Response To Seal Sale Found Excellent

The early orders committee of the Tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, which solicits the business and professional people in advance of the seal sale, reports that the response has been very good. Mrs. A. G. Allen, chairman of the committee, said that the returns to date indicate that more will be raised in this manner this year than in 1939. The early orders committee will be through this week, according to Mrs. Allen, so that the business and professional men can have the seals to place on their monthly statements. The seal sale starts officially on November 25 throughout the nation and the national program calls for the completion of the early orders prior to that date.

Those working with Mrs. Allen taking orders for Christmas seals and five and ten dollar bonds are Mrs. Mel Callender, Mrs. Graham Chandler, Mrs. A. C. Fulton, Mrs. Carl Sommerset and Mrs. Arthur Hildebrand. Other committees are rapidly completing their work preparatory to the seal sale, according to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman.

Radio station KAST, the Astorian-Budget, is contributing considerable time on the air for the coming Christmas seal sale according to William Seeborg, chairman of health education. Beginning with a broadcast at 1:15 and 5:30 p. m. November 25, the day the seal sale starts, seal sale programs will be presented over KAST each Monday, Wednesday and Friday over a period of three weeks. A list of speakers and those partaking in round table discussions and dramatizations will be announced later.

# Brownsmead School Closed

The Brownsmead grade school has been ordered closed until Monday on account of the flu epidemic. Other schools in Clatsop county are open although numerous students are absent, it was indicated today by Ann Lewis, county school superintendent.

The crest of the epidemic has been reached among county school children, it was indicated.

### Seal Sale Report Due

The complete program of the coming Christmas seal sale will be reported by the chairman, Mrs. L. M. Spalding, at the regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop county health association which will be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Flavel building according to Albert Grimberg, president. William Seeborg will also report on health film showings and other health education plans.

### Finnish Film Slated

The sound motion picture "Finland Fights" will be shown tonight at the Lotta Svard meeting at the Suomi Hall in response to numerous requests from persons who had not seen it at the last showing and others who wished to see it again. Another film, "They Do Come Back" which deals with the care of those sick with tuberculosis and with their rehabilitation, will also

# School Ear Tests Told To Gyro Club

Early detection of hearing and vision defects among school children of the lowest grades often proves invaluable in preventing [illegible] trouble later on in life, particularly with regard to hearing defects, Dr. Warren Gardner of the federal state health board told the Gyro club at its weekly meeting Tuesday.

Dr. Gardner is in Clatsop county to conduct two weeks of hearing and vision tests in the schools in cooperation with Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer. He is here as hearing-vision consultant for the Oregon health department on a year's leave of absence from his Indiana post.

Dr. Gardner is conducting hearing tests principally, using a device known as an audiometer which he described to the Gyros. He said that when hearing fails among school children it generally does so about the junior high school age and often with permanent impairment. He said these failures are usually from conditions that could be rectified if detected early enough—hence he believes in testing children of the earliest grades.

Hearing defects have been found in Clatsop school children of the earliest grades, as well as vision defects, in the series of tests Dr. Gardner has just begun.

Hearing and vision defects frequently make a child seem "dumb" in school when he actually is not, Dr. Gardner declared.

Detection of hearing troubles as early as possible is extremely important, even more so than early detection of poor vision, because it is much more difficult to remedy faulty hearing wthen permanent impairment has resulted, Dr. Gardner said. There is nothing corresponding to a pair of glasses that can be applied so easily to the ear.

# Seal Drive Starts Well

The 34th annual Christmas seal sale got off to a flying start yesterday as some 7000 envelopes containing seals, an appeal letter and a pamphlet outlining Clatsop county's tuberculosis problem were placed in the mails in the various communities of the county, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. L. M. Spalding, county chairman of the seal sale. The mailing, and receiving of the contributions, is handled in each community by a local chairman and committee. The self-addressed envelope, included with the seals and the letter, is addressed to the chairman of the community in which mailed.

An indication that the seal sale this year will exceed that of 1939 was given when Mrs. A. G. Allen, chairman of the early orders committee, reported that the business and professional men and women had responded to the appeal for funds with which to carry on an intensified anti-tuberculosis campaign better than ever before. She said that an increasing number of them are buying five and ten dollar Christmas Seal bonds.

A great deal of the detail work such as counting out the letters, seals, stuffers and two kinds of envelopes was done by Mrs. Bert Anderson, secretary of the seal sale, who assisted Mrs. Spalding in getting the thousands of pieces of material to the various chairmen in the county.

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In 1937 there were 13 cases of active tuberculosis reported in Clatsop county among school children of junior and senior high school age. Since that time between 2000 and 2500 tests have been given in the schools each year and positive reactors have been given additional attention. As a result of this program in 1939 there were no reported cases of active tuberculosis in school children. During 1940 to date 15 cases of active tuberculosis have been reported in the county among young adults between the ages of 18 to 45. In order to continue the fight to protect children and extend facilities for case finding, diagnosis and treatment to the adult groups, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, voices a plea for everyone to buy generously of the seals.

Early indications were that people were responding worthily to the sale. According to Mrs Miller, many more seals were sent out this year than last because of the large number of new families in Seaside. Assisting her with the mailing were Mrs. Charles Rainey, Mrs. Max Miller, Mrs. Walter Keck and Mrs. Douglas Kline.

Book marks to be distributed at the library and the schools, Santa Claus pins given to school children, other pins selling at 1c each and signs placed throughout the city heralded the beginning of the drive. Later on booths will be set up in the post office and bank through the assistance of the Junior Woman's club, Mrs. Miller said.

# Seal Sale Organization Completed

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, county chairman of the 34th annual Christmas seal sale told the executive committee of the Clatsop County Health association at its meeting Thursday night that the organization for the 1940-1941 Christmas seal camapign is now complete and has been functioning for several weeks getting ready for the sale which begins November 25. The organization is as follows:

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**Filing Committee Named**

Mrs. Spalding said that a new filing committee had been appointed this year, whose function is to add the names of newcomers to the county to the mailing list and remove the names of those who have moved away or are deceased. Another new departure is the adding of a stuffer which deals with tuberculosis conditions in the county. This stuffer will be inclosed with the seal sale letters which are mailed to families throughout the county.

William Seeborg, director of health education, reported that keen interest is being displayed throughout the county in the new sound motion picture films on tuberculosis and cancer control which are being shown at meetings. He said also that a speaker bureau for the Christmas seal sale is being organized with several excellent speakers on the list already. They will appear at various meetings and over radio station KAST, Astoria.

**Weekly Health Talks Given**

It was reported also that regular weekly health talks are being given over station KAST by Dr. E. E. Berg, director of the health department and county health officer.

Miss Aini Tihila, treasurer of the association, and Miss Shirly Vergeer were appointed to arrange for Christmas gifts for Clatsop county residents who are at state tuberculosis sanatoriums at Salem, The Dalles or Portland. Dr. Berg was named a committee of one to draft the health association tentative budget for 1941.

The meeting was presided over by Albert Grimberg, president.

# Flu Epidemic Leaves Mark On Astoria

The flu epidemic raging along the entire Pacific coast left its mark on school attendance figures in Astoria today with approximately 90 students absent at the high school and several more in the grade schools.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, urged this morning that parents cooperate in an effort to prevent spread of the epidemic.

"At the first signs of a cold or respiratory irritation, parents should not let the child go to school. Children afflicted should be kept home and kept quiet," Dr. Berg said.

Sickness among members of the cast of the Astor Post play, "Mad Hatter," has caused postponement of the play until December 12. The play was originally scheduled for Friday night.

**Epidemic Widespread**

SAN FRANCISCO. (U.P.)—An epidemic of mild influenza which affected thousands in California today moved east—into Arizona, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In Phoenix, Ariz., Dr. J. D. Dunshee, acting head of the state health board, noted "an alarming increase" in the number of influenza cases—359 new cases last week, 125 the week before.

Boise, Idaho, physicians also reported "an alarming increase." A "mild epidemic" was noted in Seattle by Dr. Frank M. Carroll, city health commissioner.

# Bowen Home Party Scene For Bride-Elect

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Miss Hazel McGuire, whose marriage to Ivan Clark of Portland will be read during the Christmas holidays, was the incentive for a delightful party Tuesday evening at the Seaside home of Miss Marion Bowen.

Bridge and games were the evening's diversion and a gift was presented the honored guest.

Later refreshments were served to Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Berg Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ordway, Edgar Gearhart, Mrs. Rosetta McGuire, Miss Hazel McGuire, Mrs. Helen Bowen, Mrs. Agnes Hansen, Mrs. Jane Smethurst, Mrs. Lucille McBride, Mrs. Celia Hill, Miss Barbara Settem, Miss Elizabeth Settem, Miss Miriam Lukkanen, Miss Barbara Fairhurst, Miss Aini Tihila, Miss Shirley Vergeer, Miss Ethel Gunderson and Miss Marian Bowen.

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The tests will last several weeks and will be supplemented with an educational program that will be presented to school teachers by Dr. Gardner.

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Mikko Rinta, West End merchant, died from concussion caused by a fall on his head, according to a death certificate signed by Dr. E. E. Berg, it was announced today by Coroner Hollis Ransom.

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The coroner's office reported that Rinta had apparently gone into his basement to stoke a heater after returning home. It is believed that he fell backwards in climbing the steep stairway rising from the concrete floor. The steps are narrow. The coroner said Rinta had bled from the back of the head where the concussion occurred. It was at first thought he may have died from a heart attack.

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Claude Holthe, spokesman for the West End group, told the council that for several years the people of the district had tried to get the pressure improved but had no results until the city expended approximately $12,000 in January to construct a new main. The group had been told the main was in use but when the pressure failed to increase they decided to appear before the council to protest.

Holthe said an experiment by the city fire department last summer demonstrated the low pressure when the department's smallest hose couldn't shoot a stream of water over the lowest building in the district. He added the large draw of water by the canneries in the summer made it impossible to draw water from more than one outlet at a time in the hill homes.

**New Main Shut Down**

City Manager George T. McClean and McAllister explained to the group they had been misinformed for the new main had only carried water one day and it was found the pressure valve was defective so the main was shut down until new parts arrived from the east. They said the parts were here and work would start on the installation today.

First step toward construction of a swimming pool in Tapiola park was made when the council granted the Astoria Parks association permission to solicit $2500 from city organizations and individuals. The permission was requested in a letter from Ed Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the association.

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An easement was granted the Bonneville adminitsartion to construct a storm sewer in the vacated Seventh street area between the Williamsport road and Young's river.

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The hospitals agreed that certain exceptions would be made, in cases of extreme illness or serious operations among patients; but generally the closure rule will be enforced.

Similar ban to visitors has been posted in the Portland hospital and in the state tuberculosis hospital, Dr. Berg said.

**Dr. Haldeman To Speak**

Dr. J. C. Haldeman, The Dalles, Wasco county health officer, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Clatsop county health association to be held Thursday, March 13, at the Methodist church parlors. The dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p. m. Reservations for the dinner should be made by calling 519. The public is invited to attend the meeting at which the incoming officers will be installed by Albert Grimberg, present president. Other program and entertainment will be announced later, according to Mrs Floyd Reith, who is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

# Well-Baby Clinic Due, Brownsmead

BROWNSMEAD (Special) -- A well-baby clinic will be held in the Brownsmead school house Thursday afternoon, January 30, at 1 o'clock. All mothers in Brownsmead and surrounding territory are invited to attend and bring their pre-school age children. Vaccinations for smallpox and inoculations for diphtheria will be available for those wishing it.

Miss Shirley Vergeer, R.N., was a visitor at the school Wednesday afternoon.

Ernest Barendse who was taken to an Astoria hospital for medical attention is reported to be improving satisfactorily. Al Fish is taking his place on the truck line.

Mr. and Mrs. James Du Bois, Mrs. David Donaldson and Mrs. Leonard Allen were week-end visitors in Portland and Lake Oswego.

Japhet Neussan met with an accident while on his trap line Monday morning when a limb of a tree pierced his leg necessitating a trip to Astoria to have stitches taken in the wound.

County Agent Afton Zundel will hold a meeting in the school house Friday evening at which time discussion on forage crops by Prof. E. R. Jackman will take place. All farmers interested are invited to attend.

# Miss Fairhurst Resigns Position With Health Unit

The resignation of Miss Barbara Fairhurst, public health nurse connected with the Clatsop county health office, was announced today by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer.

"Miss Erma Mullins, public health nurse employed at present with field work in Wasco county, will replace Miss Fairhurst. Miss Mullins will take over her new duties the first of the year.

Dr. Berg, who returned last night from a conference of county and city health officers in Portland, reported that the officials discussed the need for better care of mental cases in Oregon and the proposition of cooperation between civil and military authorities concerning the control of communicable diseases amongst soldiers and defense workers.

Dr. Berg revealed that the Public Health service has appointed coordinators for each of the nine military districts in the United States to coordinate the activities of civil and military health officials.

Dr. Harrison, coordinator for the Pacific coast area, visited Fort Stevens yesterday, Dr. Berg said.

# Tuberculosis Clinic Slated For Hammond

HAMMOND, (Special)—An adult tuberculosis clinic will be held at the Hammond grade school house on Wednesday evening February 19 at 7 p. m. Dr. E. E. Berg will be in charge of all tests given and he assures us that the time required is brief. It is necessary to return 48 hours later to determine the results. This will be done on Friday evening February 21 at 7 p. m. All test readings will be held privately. This service is absolutely free. The committee would like to have a 100 per cent attendance for it is recognized that through early diagnosis and proper treatment for persons infected the chances for complete recovery are increased.

It is not necessary to be a P-TA member. This service is for the good of the entire community and the mental satisfaction of each individual. It is being sponsored by the Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA.

# Jail Is Host To Measles Case

The Clatsop county jail is host to a case of measles. James Sanders, Fort Stevens soldier, who is waiting sentence for theft from an automobile, broke out with colonies of reddish pimples today. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, confirmed the [illegible] of measles. Sanders [illegible] the measles.

Sanders, who has been in custody for almost two weeks, may have contracted measles while in military duty. Several cases are reported to have been found at Fort Stevens.

Even more seriously concerned with the outbreak than Sanders was a man whose time was about to expire. He concluded that on account of the outbreak of the disease, he would be confined in quarantine. He was officially informed that this conclusion, based on an opinion by a "kangaroo court lawyer" was in error.

# Diphtheria Not Rare Disease, Says Dr. Berg

Diphtheria is not such a rare disease as to warrant unusual notice, Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, indicated today in disclosing that the one case of the affliction was getting along fairly well. He said that there was an instance of diphtheria in Clatsop county two years ago.

Dr. Berg said that a report made to the press Monday on the death of one victim of the disease and the affliction of another was without his authorization. He did not deny the basic facts that one patient had died of diphtheria and that another was ill with it. The health officer deprecated undue emphasis on the significance of a case of diphtheria and objected to release of information from his office which he had not approved. He claimed that the data in part was inaccurate or misleading and in part confidential.

# Dr. Vernon Will Get Honors From Tuberculosis Body

[illegible] Vernon, Christmas [illegible] chairman [illegible] Health association for the last five years, will be among the state's [illegible] honored at the [illegible]

# Open Forum

**HEALTH REPORT IS SAD**

To the Editor:

It is sad to read Mr. Hampton's report on the health of our young people because every one of them is entitled to a full, active, useful life which cannot be had without health. The years lost from a persons life thru sickness and early death is a loss to the whole community. It breaks up the home leaving children helpless; It is a loss to labor and construction, a loss to business, finance, inventions, statesmanship etc. The most valuable years are those after full maturity when judgment has developed.

To add 20 to 25 active years to a persons life is very possible and will be accomplished in a generation or two. The past 50 years have added as much to the average length of life. It is no longer "ladylike" to be sick and delicate.

We have just entered upon an era where we study health rather than diseases which is going to bring a vast change in the methods used for treating ailments. When the doctors aim will be to increase the health and restore the sick to their natural health life will be prolonged and suffering deminished.

The life that grows our bodies knows how to grow them perfect and strong, including teeth, tonsils, heart etc. But natural bodies grow from natural foods, not from white flour, white sugar, polished rice and meats. The animal uses the element in its food for the growth of hair, bones, teeth, digestion, enzymes etc. While we eat the muscular tissues, the dark outside of the wheat, rice, potatoes, and the molasses from the sugar contain all the organic minerals and vita[mins] is essential to all healthy

[for] strong natural growth [and] into all parts of the body [There] is no room where diseases [can] develop. It is where the health [is] lacking that diseases of differen[t]

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Martha H. Lowe, D. C

Wednesday, March 12, 1941

# Health Body Will Have Big Turnout

A large turnout for the annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop county health association to be held tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. at the Methodist church parlors is expected, according to Albert Grimberg, president. Reservations are coming in and all those who expect to attend and have not made reservations are asked to call 519.

Rev. J. Walton Kempe, newly-elected president, will be installed at the meeting as will Mrs. Harvey Abel, vice-president, Mrs. Roy Wimber, secretary, Miss Aini Tihila, treasurer and William Seeborg, director of health education. The retiring officers are Albert Grimberg, president, and Mrs. Floyd Reith, secretary.

A musical program which will include vocal solos by Mrs. William Hicks, accompanied by Miss Ethel Hicks and musical numbers by Cy Havlik. Reports of the activities of the health association will also be made. The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. J. C. Haldeman of The Dalles, Wasco county public health officer.

**Health Examination**

The county health department has asked that all children, who enter the first grade in the Astoria city schools this year for the first time, to report for an examination next Tuesday between 9:30 and 11:30 a. m. in the health offices at the Flavel building. The children should be accompanied by their parents or by some other adult.

# Fort Stevens Nurses Feted On Wednesday

Nurses stationed at Fort Stevens were honored at a party there Wednesday evening sponsored by the Nurses association, district No. 9. Feted guests were Colonel Robert Mallory, post surgeon, and Mrs. Mallory, Miss Norton, nurse in charge, and her assistants, Misses Ida Lance, Ruth Fahey, Orpha Wirt, Barbara Hallock and Gail Dudley.

A social evening was spent and cards were in play. Later a buffet luncheon was served at a table decorated with spring flowers.

Members and guests attending were Mesdames Vivian Wilson, Minnie Dalton, Martha Stearn, Lucy Olsen, Blanche Brakke, Mary Ordway, Aili Dahlgren, Beatrice Willikson, Ellen Tolonen, Anne O'Toole, Rose Reith, Ann Henderson, Ruth Gustafson and Ida Crutchfield, Misses Silvia Winters, Virginia Marlon, Edith Soderwall, Viola Anderson, Anna Lum, Harriet Hansen, Frances Classen, Jeanette Stangland, Vivian Northe, Ruth Downing, Emily Gunderson, Elma Mullins, Elizabeth Pauck and Margaret Skow.

# Health Chief

Rev. J. Walton Kempe, Trinity Lutheran church pastor, who has just been elected president of the Clatsop County Health association for the coming year.

# 44 Children Tested At Clinic

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, reported today that 44 children were examined at the Crippled Children's Clinic which was held last Friday at the health department in the Flavel building.

Examining physicians were Drs. Harry C. Blair and Roderick E. Begg of Portland.

The clinic was held under the auspices of the Clatsop county public welfare commission and the health department.

Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary assisted at the clinic and provided transportation for the children.

Dr. Berg also announced Miss Elizabeth Franck has been added to the health department staff as a public health nurse. Four nurses are now on the staff.

Miss Franck is a graduate of the Good Samaritan hospital school of nursing and of the course in public health nursing at the University of Oregon Medical school. Her home is in Tigard, Oregon.

# Name Kempe New Head Of Health Body

Rev. J. Walton Kempe, for the past year vice-president of the Clatsop county health association, was elevated to the presidency at a meeting of the association Thursday night at the Flavel building. He replaces Albert Grimberg, president during the past term. Mrs. Harvey Abel was elected vice president; Mrs. Roy Wimber, secretary; and Miss Aini Tihila, reelected treasurer. Grimberg and Mrs. Floyd Reith, secretary, refused the nomination for reelection because of pressure of other work.

Mrs. L. M. Lowell, seal sale treasurer, repoted that to date, a total of $2,434.50 was on hand from the 1940-41 Christmas seal sale. Of this amount, $922.66 was received from Astoria and the rest from communities as follows: Bradwood, $35.05; Westport $114.39, Clifton $19.85, Hammond $30.10, Jewell and Elsie $80, Warrenton $42.50, Cannon Beach $26.85, Brownsmead $20, Gearhart $51.30, Seaside $327.56, Wauna $71.33, Knappa-Svensen $100.33 and Keasey $3.40.

**Many Letters Mailed**

Mrs. Lowell said that a total of 5,160 letters with seals had been mailed in the county and that of this number, 2,794 were mailed to Astoria residents. She said also that of the letters mailed to Astorians, 898 had not replied and that she did not know as yet how many have not sent in their contribution or replied in the other communities. Reminder cards will be mailed within a few days to all those who have not already sent their money in, she said, stating that a great deal of work and expense would be saved if those who have not already done so would mail their contribution in immediately. Although the total received is greater than the 1939 total, the per-capita return is smaller because of the increase in population.

The health association decided to hire a part time secretary-treasurer for the seal sale for 1941 and appropriated $150 for this purpose. Mrs. Bert Anderson, who has been secretary to Mrs. L. M. Spalding, seal sale chairman was elected for the job which will be for a period of about three months.

# Named Head

PORTLAND, (U.P.)---Dr. E. E. Berg, Astoria, health officer for Clatsop county, last night was elected president of the Oregon health Officers association.

Friday, March 14, 1941

# X-Ray Arranged For Folk Tested In PTA Clinic

HAMMOND, (Special) -- Mrs. Merton Olney, president of the Hammond-Fort Stevens P.-T.A. announced that arrangements had been made at St. Mary's hospital in Astoria for all persons who took the T.B. test at the P.-T.A. clinic in Hammond and proved positive to have x-ray pictures taken at a reduced rate. All positive reactors are urged to take advantage of this and may get information about it from the health chairman, Mrs. Harold Lawrence. Any one who still wants to take the tuberculosis test may do so at any time and take advantage of this rate. The regular meeting of the P.-T.A. was held Wednesday night at the school. Mrs. Robert Vollmer, 4-H club chairman, announced that Miss Helen Cowgill, state 4-H club leader, will be at the Hammond school on Friday evening, March 14, at 7:30. Four-H club mothers will be hostesses at a social hour which will follow a 4-H club demonstration by the girls and boys. Miss Cowgill will answer questions pertaining to the work. The public is invited.

**Pre-School Clinic**

The Clatsop county health department announced today a pre-school clinic for first-graders entering Lewis and Clark junior high school next fall will be held June 4 in the health department offices at the Flavel building.

# Seal Workers Going To Meeting

A delegation of Astoria tuberculosis seal sale workers will attend the Oregon state convention in Portland Thursday and Friday. Those making the trip are Mrs. Arthur Van Dusen, recently appointed chairman for the 1941 drive, Mrs. Lansford Spalding, retiring chairman, Rev. J. Walton Kempe, president of the Clatsop County Health association, Mrs. Aune Anderson, seal sale secretary, Mrs. E. D. Towler, Dr. Nellie Vernon, Dr. E. E. Berg, Miss Shirley Vergeer, Miss Ethel Gunderson, Miss Alma Mullens, Miss Aini Tihila, William Seeborg, Mrs. Florence Abel, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Edith Johnson, and Mrs. Rose Reith.

Dr. Berg will address the convention Thursday morning on "Case Findings." The banquet Thursday evening at the Portland hotel will honor pioneer members of the organization; those from Astoria to be honored are Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. E. D. Towler and Dr. Nellie Vernon.

# Schools' Finances Found OK

### Hampton Reports Only $69,000 Bonds Outstanding; Pupils' Health Defective

Reports on the financial condition of the Astoria school district and the physical condition of its students were submitted to the school board Tuesday night by A. C. Hampton, superintendent.

The financial condition of the district is encouraging. Bonded indebtedness has been reduced to $69,000 which draws only 4½ per cent interest and is redeemable at the rate of $15,000 a year. These final bonds of the school district are a part of those refunded on June 1, 1927, when $195,000 in optional bonds were put out to pay off 6 per cent bonds issued as follows: uJne 1, 1910, for $75,000; July 1, 1914, $20,000; March 1, 1916, $75,000; and April 1, 1917, $25,000. The last issue of the $100,000 in serial bonds, sold

report on the examinations, which includes only a part of the total school population and not every student in the class and school designated, follows with the percentage of students suffering from each affliction indicated:

**Lewis and Clark School**

| Defects | 4th Grade | 1st Grade |
|---|---|---|
| Nutrition | 14 | 5 |
| Eyes (vision | 19 | 10 |
| Ears | 0 | 2.5 |
| Nose and throat | 0 | 12 |
| Thyroid (goitre) | 0 | 0 |
| Teeth | 33 | 48 |
| Heart | 0 | 2.5 |
| Posture | 5 | 7 |
| Glands | 10 | 9 |

Corrections in Lewis and Clark schools:

| | 4th Grade | 1st Grade |
|---|---|---|
| Diphtheria immun. | 100 | 83 |
| Smallpox immun. | 100 | 83 |
| Tonsils Removed | 43 | 10 |
| Teeth Corrected | 57 | 38 |
| Vision Corrected | 1 | 0 |

**John Jacob Astor School**

| | 4th Grade | 7th Grade |
|---|---|---|
| Nutrition | 29 | 7.5 |
| Eyes (vision) | 5 | 5 |
| Ears | 5 | 15 |
| Nose and Throat | 29 | 15 |
| Thyroid (goitre) | 5 | 15 |
| Teeth | 43 | 35 |
| Heart | 0 | 0 |
| Posture | 9.5 | 20 |
| Feet | 5 | 10 |

Corrections in John Jacob Astor school:

| | 4th Grade | 7th Grade |
|---|---|---|
| Diphtheria immun. | 90 | 67.5 |
| Smallpox immun. | 81 | 67.5 |
| Tonsils removed | 29 | 42.5 |
| Teeth Corrected | 49 | 52.5 |
| Vision Corrected | 9.5 | 10 |
| Skin | 0 | 2.5 |
| Feet | 5 | 0 |

**Astoria High School**

| Defects | Sophomores |
|---|---|
| Nutrition | 7.1 |
| Eyes (vision) | 8.9 |
| Ears | 0 |
| Nose and Throat | 4.1 |
| Thyroid (goitre) | 7.1 |
| Teeth | 32.4 |
| Heart | 5.3 |
| Posture | 2.4 |
| Skin | 11.8 |

Corrections among sophomores:

| | |
|---|---|
| Diphtheria immunization | 74 |
| Smallpox immunization | 81 |
| Tonsils removed | 58.6 |
| Teeth Corrected | 66.3 |
| Vision Corrected | 24.2 |

# Health Body Names New Seal Chief

Appointment by the American Legion auxiliary, Christmas Seal sale sponsors, of Mrs. Arthur Van Dusen as seal sale chairman for 1941-1942 was announced last evening at the annual meeting of the Clatsop County Health association. Mrs. Van Dusen is active in social and civic affairs and has considerable experience in the promotion of health activities. She succeeds Mrs. L. M. Spalding who for the past two years has conducted exceptionally successful seal sale campaigns. The total receipts from the 1940 seal sale were $2669, an increase of almost $300 over the previous year.

William Seeborg, in a brief history of the health association, said that seven seal sale chairmen had preceded Mrs. Van Dusen. They were Mrs. J. C. Sparks, 1923 and 1924; Mrs. E. C. Short, 1925-26; Dr. Nellie S. Vernon, 1927 to 1934 inclusive, the only person to have had the seal sale for five years; Mrs. E. D. Towler, 1935-36; Mrs. Carl Nyquist, 1937; Mrs. E. B. Hughes, 1938, and Mrs. L. M. Spalding, 1939-40. He said also that the organization meeting of the health association was held January 21, 1922. The first officers were Rev. F. C. Taylor, president, Miss Eva Holmes, vice-president, Mrs. Doris Wirkkala, secretary, and G. Clifford Barlow, treasurer.

Rev. J. Walton Kempe was presented and installed as the new president for 1941 by Albert Grimberg, retiring president. Other new officers presented were Mrs. Harvey Abel, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Wimber, secretary; Miss Aini Tihila, treasurer and William Seeborg, director of health education. Two vocal solos were presented by Mrs. William Seeborg who was accompanied at the piano by Miss Ethel Wicks and Cy Havlik played several selections on the solovox.

Miss Elma J. Mullins, public health nurse who became affiliated with the health department the first of the year, was introduced. Miss Mullins, a graduate of the Emanuel hospital school of nursing and the University of Oregon school of public health nursing, has had several years' experience at the Oregon tuberculosis sanatorium at Salem and the Shrine hospital. She was employed at the Columbia hospital

for [illegible]

Rev. Mr. Kempe introduced Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, who in turn introduced the speaker, Dr. J. C. Haldeman of The Dalles. Dr. Haldeman reviewed the history and geography of Alaska as well as the living conditions of the Eskimos, pointing out the reason for the high incidence of tuberculosis among them. Dr. Haldeman said that the Eskimo has as much resistance to the disease as anyone but because of poor housing and living conditions, and lack of adequate control measures, is much more susceptible to infection.

### LEGION AUXILIARY [illegible] STUDIES CHILD WELFARE

Members of the American Legion auxiliary observed child welfare month at their meeting Tuesday night in Veterans hall. The county health department's film on cancer was shown and Miss Mullens spoke on the orthopedic clinic.

Plans were completed for a card party in the hall May 13 with Mrs. Victoria Link as general chairman.

Arrangements are being made to attend events in Portland May 1 planned in honor of Mrs. Louis Lemstra of Clinton, Ind., national president of the American Legion auxiliary. A 1 o'clock luncheon will be held at the Heathman hotel and at 8 o'clock Portland post No. 1 is sponsoring a mass meeting in the public auditorium with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as the main speaker. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Victoria Link.

Numbers on the program during the evening were vocal selections, "All I Desire" and "I Do, Do You," by Elizabeth Pierre accompanied by Lois Meyers; electric guitar selections, "O Sole Mio" and "Aloha," by Francis Hallbeck of Fort Stevens; piano solos, "Dark Eyes" and "Silver Clouds," by Charmalee Crohn.

Refreshments were served in the dining room from a table decorated with bouquets of spring flowers.

### Round-Up Clinic Scheduled

A summer round-up health clinic for all children who will enter Lewis and Clark consolidated school for the first time next fall will be held at the school Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, according to Mrs Walter Hannu, summer round-up chairman for the school's P-TA. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will conduct the clinic assisted by members of his staff and of the P-TA.

# Summer Health Round-Up Set

Mrs. C. M. Heltzel, chairman of the summer round-up campaign by which all children entering school for the first time next fall will receive medical examinations, announced today that the clinic will be held June 4 starting at 1 o'clock in the health offices at the Flavel building.

Examinations will be under the supervision of Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer.

### Summer Roundup Due For Hammond Children

HAMMOND. (Special) — The annual summer round-up, a clinic meeting especially for examination of children entering school in September, will be held at the Hammond town hall on Tuesday, June 17, from 1 to 2:30 p. m. Dr. E. Berg of Astoria will be in charge. He will be assisted by county nurses and women of the Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA health committee. Mrs. Harold Lawrence is chairman of this committee and new residents of Hammond and Fort Stevens may contact her for information about the clinic.

# Orthopedic Clinic Set For April 4

A clinic for crippled children of Clatsop county will be held in Astoria April 4 at the Clatsop county health unit in the Flavel building, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, said Wednesday.

The clinic is part of the crippled children's program of the state public welfare commission and arrangements for the clinic have been made by the crippled children's services of the state public welfare commission, the Clatsop county public welfare commission and the Clatsop county health unit.

Admittance to the clinic is made by application at the Clatsop county public welfare commission and the Clatsop county health unit.

Admittance to the clinic is made by application at the clatsop county public welfare commission offices in the Flavel building.

Dr. Harry Blair will be the examining orthopedic surgeon.

# Child Health Day Being Observed; FR Proclaims Day

[illegible] proclamation, today, May 1, [illegible] throughout the nation as Child Health day.

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, announced today no formal observance of the day would be held in Clatsop county although routine physical checkups for children were urged.

Following President Roosevelt's official proclamation

WHEREAS the Congress by joint resolution has authorized and requested the President of the United States to issue annually a proclamation setting apart May 1 child health day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Franklin D Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, in recognition of the vital importance of the health and strength of the children of the nation, do hereby designate the first day of May of this year as child health day.

"And I call upon the people of each community of the United States on that day to review the extent to which they are providing for children nutritious food, healthful recreation, effective health supervision, and adequate medical care, and to plan how such protection can be extended to all our children.

"I also call upon children to take full advantage of their opportunity to grow in health and strength and to share in protecting the health of other boys and girls."

# Gearhart

## TUBERCULIN TESTS GIVEN TO ADULTS

Under sponsorship of the Gearhart Parent-Teacher associatiaon, Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss E. Gunderson of the Clatsop county health unit made two visits to Gearhart this week. On Monday evening they administered the tuberculin test to a large number of adults of the community and on Wednesday evening they returned to check the results. Gearhart's is the second P.-T.A. unit in Clatsop county to extend this service to a community.

## ADULT T. B. TESTS WILL BE GIVEN

The Gearhart Parent-Teacher association will meet Tuesday afternoon, March 18, at the school at 2:30 o'clock. The program for the meeting has not been announced but a feature of the afternoon will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. The association has made arrangements to have Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician, here on Monday evening, March 24, to administer the tuberculin test to the adults of the community. Residents of this community, regardless of whether they are P.-T.A. members or not, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. There will be no charge. Plans are under way for the organization's annual Easter egg hunt and also for the annual rummage sale in April in Seaside.

# Healthmen Find Cases Of T.B., Syphilis

The Clatsop county health report for [illegible] released recently by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, shows a large increase in tuberculosis cases and more than double the [illegible] for reported cases of syphilis in the county.

The report, however, the [illegible] probably due to greater vigilance in [illegible] than an actual increase of the disease. Nearly all cases were reported in the adult [illegible] show need of further and [illegible] sive case finding methods, the report added. Tuberculosis among school children where examinations [illegible] was very low.

[illegible] syphilis [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] in blood test [illegible] [illegible] county workers [illegible] the report states. However, unknown cases were discovered and there was probably not an actual increase in the incidence of syphilis.

**Few Whites Show Reaction**

Five of 15 filipinos who were given the Kahn test for syphilis were positive reactors. Five of 55 Chinese and 2 of 34 Japanese reacted positive to the test.

Only 0.9 per cent of the white canncty workers reacted positive to the test of a total 947. Two men of 212 and 7 women from 735 showed signs of syphilis. Eight Camp Clatsop WPA workers from 158 examined were positive reactors.

Twenty-eight persons were discovered to have tuberculosis from a total of 2592 who were given the tuberculin tests. Only 12 cases were discovered in 1939 from 2372 examinations.

The influenza epidemic which reached a peak during December was the most prevalent communicable disease in 1940, the report said. Two hundred sixty-six cases were reported to the county health service compared to only 61 in 1939. Dr. Berg said this by no means presented the actual number of influenza cases because most people asked no medical aid from private physicians or from the county health service.

**1758 Dental Tests Made**

The Clatsop county health department made 1758 dental examinations in county school children during the year and found 1131 students needed fillings, 406 in need of extractions, and 471 students with teeth and mouth in perfect condition.

Child treatments for venereal diseases were lower than for 1939, 746 treatments being given in contrast to 789 the year before. A lessened incidence of gonorrhea is responsible for the decline and indicates some success with control measures the report explained.

Interesting, is the report is the statement 32,918 pints of milk were distributed to school children in Clatsop county through funds raised by the Annual Milk Fund dance.

Eight cases of diphtheria reported during 1940 emphasize the necessity for immunization of all children in the county against this disease, Dr. Berg states. No cases of smallpox or typhoid fever were reported.

Among other activities of the county health service last year were the heart checks and hernia examinations of 135 athletes, examination of 35 at the Crippled Children's Clinic, conduction of a weekly 15-minute radio program for health education over radio station KAST and provision of delivery service to 13 mothers unable to provide other medical care.

**Pres-School Clinic for Svensen**

An infant and pre-school clinic will be held in the Svensen school Thursday, April 24, at 1:30 by the Clatsop county health department. Mothers who have children starting school for the first time next fall are especially urged to have them examined at the clinic. Conferences will be under the direction of Dr. E. E. Berg and Shirley Vergeer of the health department.

**Chairmen Invited To Meeting**

Mrs. L. M. Spalding, Mrs. E. B. Hughes, Mrs. Emmett Towler and Mrs. Carl Nyquist have been extended invitations to attend the Oregon State Tuberculosis association meeting in Portland on March 27 and 28. The women all served terms as Clatsop county Christmas

# Seal Sale Group Will Organize

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar of Portland, executive-secretary for the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will preside over the organization meeting of the sponsors and chairmen of the Clatsop county Christmas seal sale Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Anson G. Allen, county chairman, it was announced today.

All members of the local seal sale committee and committee members of the other Clatsop communities have been requested to attend the meeting to assist in outlining complete plans for the sale.

Officers of the American Legion auxiliary and the Clatsop County Health association will also be present to formulate drive plans.

# Baby Clinic Held In Brownsmead

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) Mrs. Wells, nutritional adviser of the state board of health, attended the baby clinic Thursday afternoon and answered questions on nutrition for the mothers present. Dr. Berg with the assistance of Shirley Vergeer, R. N., examined 18 children at the clinic. The next clinic will be held March 28.

# DR. BERG TO TALK AT MEETING OF CENTRAL PTA

Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the Clatsop county health department, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Central school PTA to be held in the school auditorium in the evening of December 4. Dr. Berg's topic will be, "Defense and Its Effect on the Health of the School Child." Other features of the program are being arranged by [illegible] S. A. Karl, chairman.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria following the meeting with mothers of pupils in the sixth grade acting as hostesses. Mrs Jake F Hopkinger has been appointed room mother.

Mrs. V. Y. Davis president of the association, announced this week that the membership drive under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Mauze is continuing, and that attendance at the last meeting was [illegible]

# Swim Pool Button Drive Will Start

The [illegible] Association [illegible] will [illegible] by a button [illegible] between $1500 and [illegible] to finance the [illegible] swimming pool in Tapiola park, it was decided at a meeting Monday night in the office of Dr. [illegible] association presid-

The association already has raised the [illegible] and has an additional [illegible] $4000 available in donations [illegible] and building [illegible] estimated total cost of $8500 for the swimming [illegible] and dressing room structure.

Pat Barnes was named to handle the button sale with a corps of workers who will canvass the city selling buttons [illegible] cents apiece. Association officials said they were hopeful that the needed money can be obtained in a short time by [illegible] of the sale.

**Pool To Be 100 By 40 Feet**

The [illegible] association will meet with the West Side development league Monday night in Suomi hall to [illegible] association's cooperation in the pool project, it was announced.

The proposed pool will be [illegible] 40 feet wide with a depth varying from two to nine feet. A shower dressing room structure with locker and other facilities is included in the project. Ground for the pool already has been secured and preparation have been made for excavating and other work as the go ahead signal is given.

An effort [illegible] to have the city [illegible] for the pool project, [illegible] in an effort to obtain a WPA project. The city commission [illegible] to act on the proposal due to the fact the city does not feel able to take on any new financial commitments in view of its stringent financial situation.

**May Ask School Board Sponsorship**

The parks association may seek to have title to the pool site turned over to the school board and petition that body to act as sponsor of the pool, it was indicated today.

Plans for the pool have received the official okoh of the state sanitary department, while the Clatsop Red Cross [illegible] promised to make life [illegible] available.

# Clatsop Defense Council Named

SALEM (UP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague today named the Clatsop county defense council including five mayors, the district attorney, sheriff and county judge. The full membership is:

County Judge Guy Boyington, District Attorney Garnet Green, Sheriff Paul Kearney, Dr. W. C. Logan (mayor), J. C. Wright, George McLean, Dr. E. E. Berg and Merle Chessman, all of Astoria; Mayor C. F. Walch of Gearhart, Mayor W. B. Hollenbeck of Seaside, Mayor Walter Prouty of Warrenton, Mayor Werner Storm of Hammond, and C. H. Wirsch of Wauna, A. R. Lundeen of Westport, R. E. Becker of Cannon Beach, James Elliott of Knappa, R. L. Jones of Clifton and C. L. Wooden of Jewell.

# New Pupils' Physical Tests Billed

Physical examinations for children entering Astoria schools for the first time in September will be held in the Clatsop county health department offices on the second floor of the Flavel house Wednesday, August 6, and Wednesday August 13 between 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the city school superintendent's office said today.

All children beginning school must be examined by the health department and parents or a responsible party are urged to bring them in for examination so that needed corrective work may be accomplished before the opening of school.

A new state law, stipulating the beginning age as six, provides that a child entering during fall term shall be deemed to be six years of age if his sixth birthday occurs on or before Novemberm 15, and in schools organizing a beginning first year class in midwinter a child entering shall be deemed to be six years of age if his sixth birthday occurs on or before March 15.

Children who attended the summer roundup examinations from the Lewis and Clark and John Jacob Astor junior high school need not return for a second examination.

## First Health Clinic Due Under Hammond-Fort P-TA

HAMMOND ... The first health clinic sponsored by the Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA will be held on Tuesday ... of the town hall.

the health nurse, Miss Panck, will be in charge. All mothers are invited to have their children present

### Pre-School Clinic Slated

The regular infant and pre-school clinic for Svensen district will be held at Svensen school Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Examinations will be conducted by Shirley Vergeer and Dr. E. E. Berg of the Clatsop county health department

### RECEPTION IS SLATED TONIGHT

... high school Parent-Teacher ... has arranged a reception for ... in the school ... Members of the ... committee with Mrs. ... in charge ... and ... they ... and ... are ... school ... Dr. E. E. Berg ... by Miss Mabel ... of school ... by Mrs. Melvin ... of ... and ... Good attendance ... which is called ... September 12.

... and the ... will be held ... the Astor P.T.A. ...

### Health Officer Inspect Bases

Dr. F. D. Stricker, state health officer, and Dr. Harrison, senior surgeon of the United States public health service, acting as liaison officer in the Ninth corps area, conferred with health department and military authorities at Tongue Point and Fort Stevens Tuesday.

# 1500 Pupils Will Answer School Bell

Astoria ... school for the ... 12 ... will ... Monday morning ... time at ... for an ... to ... ents.

Opening ... registration ... year was 1427 and the ... probably approach ... Superintendent A. C. Hampton ... today he has no information ... the registration would be.

Teachers met in general ... this morning at Lewis ... Junior high school ... heard Dr. E. E. Berg, ... officer, outline his ... program for the year ... Burch, Clatsop county ... tell his plans to supply ... Junior high and high ... rary facilities.

### Monday Classes Abbreviated

Following the ... teachers met with ... principals to ... ters.

Abbreviated ... called Monday morning ... students with their instructors and supply requirements.

Monday will ... for school in ... rural schools. ... county will open ... Monday.

# Astorian Heads Oregon State Health Group

... elected president of the Oregon Health Officers association Tuesday night. Others newly elected are Dr. Samuel Osgood, ...

... infant deaths are premature babies in some years, Dr. Wooley said, although since January 1 there ... handle from 750 to 800 children in a year, 35 to 40 of which are premature births.

... board of health, and Miss ... G. Berstad, maternal and child health consultant for ... spoke on the program. Fred Wood, ... city editor of the ... spoke on "Health Education ... Publicity." Dr. Adolph ..., city health officer, presided.

... afternoon the health officers met jointly with the Oregon State Nurses association at the ... mah hotel.

# NEW HEALTH EVENT DUE

## Four-H Club People Will Compete

A new 4-H health contest is being instroduced in Clatsop county for the first time this year.

The standard health club that shows the most health improvement among all its members by May 1942 will receive two $12 scholarships to the 1942 summer school which will be held in June, 1942 at Corvallis. The club winning the scholarships will select delegates from their group. To attend summer school, boys and girls must be over 12 years.

The club that scores second on the same basis will receive one scholarship.

In order to be eligible for prizes, the clubs must have all their individual health record books checked into the club agent's office by May 20.

The scholarships are being provided by members of the Kiwanis club. The Kiwanians are interested in a health contest whereby club members receive recognition for improving their physical condition rather than giving all recognition to the healthiest individual.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health doctor, will conduct all the examinations and explain to the groups practices that should be used to improve their scores.

Groups interested in this contest should be organized and ready for their first examination by Novem...

# Schools Can't Assist Pool

The Astoria school district cannot legally contribute toward the building and operation of the swimming pool in Tapiola park, according to an opinion sent to the board by Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle. The opinion resulted from an appeal made by backers of the pool to the board for a contribution of $3000 for the purchase of filters.

The attorney-general rules that a school board has no authority except that specifically given under the statutes and that there is no authority in the statutes for it to make such a contribution as sought. He cites several rulings by the state supreme court to substantiate his opinion.

Title to the Tapiola park property is vested in the city and it is supervised by a parks association. The board, the opinion says in effect, has an authority that is confined to the educational welfare of the district it serves.

When the request was made of the board, the question was raised as to the legality of a contribution. The matter was submitted to the state superintendent of instruction who in turn asked the attorney-general for an opinion

# Health Group To Preview Films

Two new sound motion pictures on tuberculosis will be previewed Thursday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop County Health association, according to William Seeborg, director of health education. Rev. J. V. Kempe, president of the ... will preside at the ... will begin at 7:30 ... building.

One of the films deals with tuberculosis problems among our Indian population and the other is an animated cartoon with sound, vividly describing the action of tuberculosis germs in the human body. Both films are intensely interesting and educational. The public is invited to attend and persons interested in health education in organizations are urged to see the pictures which will be available for

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# Warrenton Hits Illegal Use Of Dump

WARRENTON (Special)—It has been recently brought to the attention of the city officials that a number of organizations and individuals operating or living outside the city of Warrenton have been depositing quantities of liquid garbage at the Warrenton city garbage dump. G. Clifford Barlow, city manager, has appealed for the cooperation of local residents in reporting of names of persons or license number of trucks or automobiles seen using the city garbage dump for the purpose of possible prosecution. Complaints are being received that because of liquid and food deposits the rats are increasing rapidly and city officials are determined to overcome this menace.

As a part of the rehabilitation of the Warrenton water service Mayor W. I. Prouty and city commissioners have authorized G. Clifford Barlow, city manager, and F. M. Franciscovich, city attorney, to secure easement for a water line commencing at the old Lewis and Clark railroad grade south of Cullaby lake and following the grade through to Delmoor road and then east of the railroad on the new county road to West station.

This week G. Clifford Barlow informed WPA officials that the entire right-of-way had been assured. Work will now begin to lay the line over the new right-of-way and in due time water will be serviced over the existing route which runs west to the junction of Delmoor and U. S. 101 thence north past West station. When the work is completed both the new route and the old one will be serviced with water.

### Clinic POSTPONED

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, announced today that the well-baby clinic scheduled for Brownsmead school Thursday, November 27, has been postponed until Tuesday, December 2, at 1:30 p. m.

### Health Board Men Here

Dr. Curtis R. Chaffin, director of the mental hygiene division, and John L. Ward, pyschiatric social worker, both of the state board of

# Seal Sale Workers Map Drive Start

Workers for the 35th annual Christmas seal sale throughout the county are rapidly finishing the final preparations for the sale which starts next Monday, Mrs. Anson G. Allen, county chairman announced today.

All committee members are being given supplies and instructions this week and committees are busy in various homes getting the letters and seals ready for mailing. About 3000 Clatsop citizens will receive seal sale letters this year, Mrs. Allen stated. She pointed out that throughout the nation, a similar Christmas Seal sale will go on at the same time and that each year, the National Tuberculosis Association and the American Red Cross have an agreement whereby the dates of the campaigns for fund do not conflict.

The need for money with which to carry on the work of the health association and the state and national tuberculosis associations is possibly more acute today than ever before. This was pointed out recently by President Roosevelt in commenting on the physical condition of draftees, Mrs. Allen said.

The county committee, headed by Mrs. Allen, is composed of the following: Mrs. Bert Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Carl Sommerset, filing; Mrs. Roy Wimber, mailing; Mrs. S. A. Kleger, early orders; Mrs. J. Middleton, booth sales and William Seeborg, education and publicity. Local chairmen who appoint their committees in their respective communities are: Mrs. Henry Maling, Westport; Mrs. Magda Rice, Wauna; Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Clifton; Miss Jean Moesteller, Bradwood; Mrs. W. M. [illegible]gers, Knappa; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, Brownsmead; Mrs. David T. Waterhouse, Gearhart; Mrs. Carl Anderson, Warrenton; Mrs. Victor Normad, Jewell-Elsie; Mrs. Fern Spaulding, Cannon Beach, and [illegible]erberg, Seaside.

The Clatsop County Health association, local beneficiary of the seal sale, is the sponsor of the sale jointly with the American Legion auxiliary. Seventy-five per cent of the money raised is retained in the county for local use, according to Mrs. Allen, who added that education of the people in matters pertaining to health is being carried on through the medium of the newspapers, radio, speeches, plays and motion pictures.

# Sanitation In Clatsop Said Better

Sanitary conditions in Clatsop county are being raised by standards established for military posts, it was pointed out by Verne C. Reierson, Clatsop county sanitary engineer, today in presenting a program before the county court for the coming year.

If water supplied by municipal systems does not meet military requirements, the government may dig its own wells or establish chlorination plants to assure pure water, the engineer remarked. He said that likely as a result of military establishments in the county, a mosquito control program under U. S. public health service engineers and technicians with WPA labor, would be carried out here next spring.

**Rat Control Urged**

Reierson recommended that Clatsop county make an effort to put into effect a rat control program. He linked this with the necessity for improved garbage and refuse disposal. He said that such a program must have civic cooperation as well as the force of law behind it. Throwing of garbage along the highway is reported from areas near Seaside, the sanitary engineer reported. He observed that while disposal of garbage in some Clatsop county communities was not acceptable, that of the city of Seaside was the best.

By satisfactory disposal of garbage, rats would have to seek elsewhere for their subsistence, Reierson said that the birth rate of these rodents dropped sharply with reduced food supply. They are great migrants, however, traveling as far as 30 miles for food, he observed. Control of rats, he explained, requires elimination of abodes for rats everywhere and not in one place, such as garbage dumps. They simply migrate from one country to another, he explained.

Reierson will discuss methods of rat control and garbage disposal with City of Portland experts and will make a further report to the county. He suggested that cannery wastes should not be discharged in the river except at high tide so that none would be cast on the beach for rats and sea gulls to feed on. Rats cannot be exterminated, Reierson explained, but they can be kept from becoming a menace to public health.

# Christmas Seal Returns Good

Returns from the sale of Christmas Seals in Astoria and Route 1, Astoria, [illegible] far ahead of the returns for a similar period last year according to a report made at the regular meeting of the Clatsop county health association Thursday. The reports from outlying districts are not complete enough to make comparisons as the Christmas Seal sale still has two weeks to go, but those coming in are very encouraging according to Mrs. Bert Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the seal sale.

The formulation of plans for a large public health meeting in January was begun. Various reports on health throughout the county are anticipated as well as an outline of sanitation conditions.

# Dr. Berg To Talk At PTA Session

SEASIDE (Special) Dr. E. E. Berg, head of the Clatsop county health department, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Central school PTA to be held in the school auditorium Thursday evening. Dr. Berg's subject will be "Defense and Its Effect on the Health of the School Child".

Mrs. S. A. Kari is chairman of the program committee. The mothers of pupils in the sixth grade will act as hostesses. Mrs. Jake T. Hopfinger has been appointed room mother.

Mrs. V. Y. Davis, president of the association, reports that the membership drive under the direction of Mrs. F. A. Moize is continuing.

# School Age Population Goes Higher

There are 68 more youngsters of school age in Clatsop county this year than in 1940, the 1941 census shows. Census takers found 5565 children between the ages of 4 and 20 years in the 30 school districts of the county. In 1940 the count was 5497 children.

The Knappa district shows a decline from 223 to 204 while Warrenton reveals a gain from 373 to 439. The census by districts follows:

| | 1940 | 1941 |
|---|---|---|
| Astoria | 2147 | 2133 |
| Morrison | 125 | 127 |
| Clatsop Plains | 41 | 43 |
| Con., Knappa | 223 | 204 |
| Con., Lewis and Clark | 280 | 298 |
| Hammond | 118 | 124 |
| Jt., Westport | 163 | 172 |
| Con., Jewell | 155 | 130 |
| Seaside | 758 | 824 |
| Con., Olney | 89 | 80 |
| Hamlet | 8 | 6 |
| Melville | 13 | 21 |
| Vine Maple | 114 | 120 |
| Gearhart | 80 | 93 |
| Fernhill | 98 | 91 |
| Chadwell | 46 | 42 |
| Mountain View | 33 | 42 |
| Svensen | 134 | 120 |
| Elsie | 89 | 74 |
| Walluski | 33 | 32 |
| Battle Creek | 39 | 39 |
| Warrenton | 373 | 439 |
| Bradwood-Clifton | 49 | 45 |
| Necanicum | 30 | 33 |
| Cannon Beach | 49 | 48 |
| Wauna | 108 | 102 |
| Brownsmead | 34 | 34 |
| Camp McGregor | 22 | 25 |
| Ferndale | 34 | 20 |
| Jt., Birkenfeld | 12 | 4 |
| | 5497 | 5565 |

# P-TA Meeting Takes Health As Its Theme

"Our Children's Health" was the theme of the Thursday night meeting of the Lewis and Clark junior high school Parent-Teacher association. Speakers were Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, who told what the health department does to keep children well and how parents may cooperate, and Miss Charlotte Rudd, director of home economics at the high school, who spoke on new nutrition trends.

During the business session members discussed the desirability of having study clubs within the Parent-Teacher unit. Various new projects were considered as the year's objectives.

Mrs. M. H. Callender led group singing. Miss Lillie Lewis' room was awarded the attendance prize for being represented by the largest group of parents at this month's meeting.

Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. George Andresen, Mrs. Gerald Nelson, Mrs. J. H Quinn and Mrs. Jack Wright. Mrs A. H. Ojo and Mrs C. Sample [illegible]ured.

# Health Officers Pledge Support To Defense Tasks

Oregon health officers in their recent convention in Portland pledged the organization to cooperate with the various national defense councils in the state in dealing with public health and sanitation problems rising in connection with the national emergency.

Dr. E. E. Berg, of Astoria, who was elected president of the state body, said that the convention particularly dealt with the relation of health to the national defense program and took up the problem of venereal disease control.

The Oregon Public Health Nurses association also held its meetings in Portland at the same time. Attending from Clatsop county were Ethel Gunderson, Shirley Vergeer, Elma Mullins and Elizabeth Panck [illegible] public health nurses. In addition a number of Astoria nurses attended the Oregon Nurses association convention in Portland [illegible] same time.

Dr. Berg reported that the [illegible] department of range and [illegible] was emphasized the need [illegible] ing water supplies and [illegible] fect general sanitary [illegible] iler camps are forming [illegible] military posts. Some reg[illegible] have proved inadequate.

# 35th Annual Seal Sale Under Way

## Control Of Tuberculosis Object Of Effort, Says

The 35th Annual Christmas [illegible] sale, sponsored nationally by the National Tuberculosis association and locally by the Clatsop County Health association, opened today with the mailing of thousands of sheets of "Lighthouses of Science" [illegible] new families have migrated to Oregon and Clatsop county within the past year, more people died partially accounted for the last three to date this year, tuberculosis in Oregon than during all of 1939. A great deal of educational and preventive work needs to be done, several thousand tuberculin tests must be given and hundreds of X-ray pictures taken during the coming year. All this takes money and all that is necessary if we are to improve our health and the health of our communities, Mrs. Allen stated.

Edward C. Robinson, long known [illegible] ing his campaign in worth while [illegible] ing county [illegible] The need [illegible] pedition to [illegible] health association. [illegible] made in Burbank [illegible] now showing at the Robinson [illegible] compares Christmas seal to "a [illegible] foggy world."

This week and during [illegible] tion are sponsoring [illegible] gram in connection with the [illegible] sale. Sound motion pictures will be shown and brief talk by a speaker are available for any organization desiring such a program. Anyone interested is asked to contact W. [illegible] Seeborg, director of [illegible] education.

[illegible] received through [illegible] ald be stuck together, [illegible]

## The Astoria Swimming Pool

The Astoria Parks association is opening another campaign for funds to complete the remarkably fine swimming pool and all the trimmings in Tapiola park. After carrying the ball almost alone, with very little interference to clear the way, sponsors of the pool need $1200 to complete the job, which is perhaps the finest example of practical community self-help that has come forward in Astoria for a long time.

It has required a tub full of vision and stubbornness for zealous pool campaigners to drive their project to a finish. The pool is located on the western extremity of the city; and while it is close to the people out there, it is not so close to the people in other sections of town, which stretches like a tape measure from Tongue Point to Young bay. But those who have been "selling" this grand pool have tried to picture the magnificent public park that will be created by the pool for enjoyment of the whole town; and they are succeeding, slowly but surely.

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The pool was not such a project that the federal government may subsidize now, regardless of what impressions were left by representatives of federal agencies who have visited here. Those that obtained the combination of federal, state, city and county resources for the armory realize, very clearly, just how closely the government is guarding the limited funds available for cooperation with communities in public projects.

Shortly after it became known that the government had money to spend with communities in "national defense" projects—such as schools, streets and sewers, access roads to military reservations and recreation centers—Washington was deluged with requests that far exceeded the money on hand. Any project that could prove a maximum need as a result of military activity in or about the various communities, even received a glance of attention. Being advised of this fact, those that started the ball rolling on the armory project were frank about concentrating on the big building, in the full realization that it would be this one thing or nothing as far as Astoria was concerned. It so happened that the PWA, where the original application was filed, was subsequently ignored by the federal government, which later turned construction of such projects over to the construction quartermaster of the army.

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The community representatives wisely chose to shoot the works on a project that amounted to obtaining $110,000 of federal, state and county money in exchange merely for a site and what minor expenditures were necessary to make it available to the state and government. This building was presented and accepted as a real necessity as a recreation building and armory in this military center of Oregon.

But the swimming pool people have not let this combination of events sidetrack them from their dogged purpose of building a pool for Astoria. They have inclined toward discouragement and even bitterness at times; and they felt, as those who worked for the armory or Tongue Point, that the whole world was against them. However, when they get the additional moneys, as they SHOULD and MUST, the whole town of Astoria will enjoy one of the finest, most beautiful swimming pools in the state. The credit belongs to those volunteers and cooperative men and women who stayed in and pitched. They should get all the help they need in pushing the project to completion.

# Rat Blitz To Start In County

## Court Gives Full Backing

This is wartime to support hordes of rats in every city and "bootleg" garbage dump and along the waterfronts of Clatsop county, sponsors of the rat control program in Clatsop county have resolved in setting the zero hour for the rat blitz on March 1.

The rate in peace times, it was pointed out at the Thursday conference in the county court room on rat control, is one of the country's greatest food robbers, eating some $200,000,000 out of the nation's breadbasket. Many business establishments in Clatsop county, it was asserted at the meeting, lose from $50 to $75 a year to the rat's table.

**War Danger Greater**

But in war times, a community such as Astoria, where troops pass in moving from one section of the country to another, where ships come from overseas ports, and where overseas military personnel may come and go, the rat becomes a grave menace. He could aid the enemy tremendously by providing transportation and distribution to typhus-infected lice. This dread disease thrives in war times when heavy concentration of population occurs. The rat could in a similar way help the enemy immeasurably by scattering the bubonic plague. Both these great scourges are dependent on the rat in modern civilization for their deadly success. Out-[illegible] and [illegible] have [illegible] around the rats' lines [illegible].

**Court Gives Backing**

[illegible] in the Clatsop county [illegible] several [illegible] Verne Bierson, county [illegible] Dr. E. E. Berg, county [illegible] [illegible] Hayes, district agent of the Fish and Wild Life service, Dr. Edward [illegible], assistant surgeon, U. S. Public Life service, Dr. Nelle [illegible], Astoria city physician, Afton Zundel, county agent, and Charles Hayes, county timber cruiser.

The rat control program has the full backing of the Clatsop county court, which is also ready to marshal the support and cooperation of the several cities in the elimination of the rat menace.

**Dual Attack Planned**

Warfare against the Clatsop county rat will be directed on two fronts; attack on [illegible] food supply and a direct [illegible] with poison and the good [illegible] trap. Propaganda will be turned loose on the rats. Owners of private dwellings, warehouses and other resorts of rats will be instructed on how take advantage of rat-proofing techniques and various methods of destroying the enemy.

The attack on the food supply is considered the most effective type of warfare in the long run. Plans of the rat fighters call for starving their enemy, much after the pattern of warfare the allies will apply on the Japs. Not only are several of the municipalities in Clatsop county tolerating rats, but actually [illegible] dumps. Then [illegible] county who erect garbage [illegible] their own. Giving its [illegible] to the rat control [illegible] Clatsop county court [illegible] that a reward of $50 will be given to persons supplying information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons dumping refuse or garbage along roads, beaches and other unauthorized points. The state highway commission is lending its support in the drive against unsightly dumps along highways.

**Dozer To Clean Dumps**

If the county court can obtain the cooperation of the several cities, it will authorize a buildozer in a week-long blitz to cleanup existing dumps throughout the more heavily populated areas of the county, including Astoria and Warrenton where thousands of rats thrive. Before the county will proceed, however, it will insist on receiving permission of the several municipalities to have the county health department treat the dumps. The county will also ask the cities to maintain the dumps in the state prescribed by the health department.

Afton Zundel, county agent, will be in charge of propaganda warfare in rural districts where he will give rate annihilation and rat-proofing demonstrations. The rat control drive will be conducted for four months after which the general staff will check on casualties and cost of the war effort. Poisons and other necessary instruments of rat destruction will be obtained from various sources.

## School Sanitary Facilities Eyed

Seaside and Westport senior high schools have the best sanitation facilities of the Clatsop county schools system, Verne Bierson, sanitary engineer, told the Clatsop county [illegible] association at a special meeting [illegible] building Wednesday night.

His report included general recommendations for improving lighting, heating, ventilation, [illegible] service and general upkeep in the schools.

[illegible] representatives of various Parent-Teacher associations met with the group to discuss sanitary conditions in the county system.

## [illegible] Army

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health officer, shown here examining a school pupil, has been called into army service, being a reserve officer in the medical corps.

## Army Calls County's Health Head

[illegible] county [illegible] for [illegible] day and will [illegible] was learned [illegible] has [illegible] [illegible] service, [illegible] and [illegible] the county health [illegible], previously confined almost [illegible] tuberculosis control alone, has been expand to include other fields; and public health work in the schools, [illegible] handled by a public health nurse, was broadened in scope of service.

**Quits Defense Post**

Dr. Berg resigned today as chairman of the Clatsop Defense council medical division, which he has held since the council was organized in June, 1941. The medical division has undergone extensive preliminary organization. Disaster stations, to receive for first aid treatment hospital cases before being transferred for hospitalization, have been located throughout the county. Registered nurses have been listed for duty and nurses have been assigned to schools for emergency first aid in case of disaster. Eight complete kits, six in Astoria and two in Seaside, have been equipped for use of doctors in the field. Emergency hospital facilities have been provided at the county [illegible] for use in case of evacuation. [illegible] than 100 typings have been done of potential blood donors. This and other work has been accomplished under Dr. Berg's direction.

**Came From Salem**

[illegible] near Marion [illegible] of about [illegible] nitely at [illegible] avenue.

# Headworks Improved By New Storage

[illegible] reservoir to [illegible] superintendent [illegible] works, said the artificial [illegible] filled to the 14-foot [illegible] eight feet more of water than the reservoir contained last fall when the project was started.

City crews built a trail for a 1300-foot pipeline over which 12-inch creosoted wooden pipe was laid to a small dam constructed on Wickiup creek above a point where the creek water was disappearing through porous soil and not emptying into the lake.

**Time Required**

McCallister said it would require some time yet before the success could be determined. When the water attains a 20-foot level, the stream will be diverted. If the water mark in the reservoir begins to drop, it will be necessary to empty it and plug leaks in the bottom.

The reservoir is one of the two man-made lakes which were part of the Wickiup water system project three years ago and never has been full. The middle lake of the system holds more than 20 feet of water or nearly 25,000,000 gallons. These, combined with the lowest storage reservoir which contains 100,000,000 gallons, will bring the total of 150,000,000 gallons if the upper lake fills and will insure the city an adequate water supply in abnormally dry seasons.

## WATER DEPARTMENT MEN ORGANIZE

As a result of action taken here at a meeting of all water department operators of the county and state sanitary engineers last week, a three-man committee was formed to effect a permanent organization of Clatsop county water men and to choose a site and time for the first regular meeting. The three members of the committee are: A. M. Belieu of Seaside, Clyde Christy from Warrenton and N. M. McAllister of the Astoria water department. This organization will furnish a means of keeping abreast of all wartime legislation affecting operation of civic water supply systems and will remain active as long as the emergency exists.

Part of the day's program was the showing of a sound moving picture filmed in London on the night of one of the most disastrous bombing raids last year. Shown in action were firemen of the London metropolitan area who, it was explained, pumped through hundreds of fire hoses, 600,000 gallons of water a minute as they fought the blazes in countless buildings. Part of the duty of a water works department in the event of fires of that magnitude would be to keep enough water in the supply lines to care for the additional drain caused by fire fighting equipment.

# Water Directors Get Instructions

Water superintendents of Clatsop county, Clatskanie and Vernonia met with representatives of the state board of health recently in Seaside for instruction and training in sterilization and purification of water supplies following main breaks in case of enemy bombing raids.

Material covered included effects of bombs on water systems, emergency repair after raids, poisons and sabotage of water systems, wartime precautions and organization, chlorination and demonstration of main and emergency cholorination.

Pictures of the London fire following nazidom's greatest air bombing were shown.

The state board representatives said experience has shown that it is necessary to allow the water to stand for approximately three hours in the mains after bomb damage

## Rat Survey Progresses

The rat control program undertaken by Verne Reierson, Clatsop county sanitarian, has interested numerous business establishments [illegible]

[illegible] renton and Seaside city dumps which had been poison-baited showed that all the poison bait had been consumed. A second baiting will occur next week. A survey of the waterfronts of the three Clatsop cities has had to be postponed because the federal fish and wild life service expert who will conduct it has

along suburban roads must be stopped. Children must be trained not to throw away uneaten portions of their school lunches in brush near the schools. Garbage must be kept in closed cans and periodically hauled away or burned.

From now on the breeding time for rats occurs and it is the best season of the year to undertake their extermination, Reierson said.

An effort will be made to have canneries dump fish refuse into

## TUBERCULIN TESTS TO BE GIVEN AT SEASIDE SCHOOLS

Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades and all high school students will be given tuberculin tests under the auspices of the

county health department on April 20, it has been announced. Dr. Harold Erickson of the state health department will conduct the tests.

Tuberculin tests are given with the purpose of uncovering incipient cases of tuberculosis, or a tendency to the disease. Those who react to the tests can be subjected to further diagnosis to determine whether or not they actually have the disease. By means of tests cases have been uncovered in time to offer successful treatment, whereas it is often too late if the disease is allowed to run its normal course to the point where it becomes apparent.

Similar tests will be given in the Warrenton schools April 22.

**Tuberculosis Program Given**

A sound motion picture on the life and health of Navajoe Indians of Arizona was shown Tuesday at the dinner meeting of the Junior Service club in connection with the current Christmas Seal sale now being conducted locally and nationally by the Clatsop County Health

## CONFERENCE OF WATERWORKS MEN TO BE HELD HERE

The state board of health, through its division of sanitation, will conduct a water works operators' conference in Seaside March 3, it has been announced. Waterworks operators and employes from all points in the county will take part in the event. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The conference will feature information on the effects of high explosives, bombs and other instruments of war on water supply systems, and procedures for the repair of damaged systems and methods for the chlorination of replaced mains and of supply systems will be outlined. The meeting will not be open to the public but civil defense officials are invited to attend.

# Handicapped Child Clinic Coming Here

The Oregon medical school, through its handicapped childrens program, is planning to hold the annual examination clinic for physically handicapped children in Clatsop county April 2, Dr. Otis Akin of Portland will be the examining physician.

Any individual under 21 years of age with a crippling condition due to bone or muscle abnormality is eligible to this examination on referral by his private physician.

Older persons can be seen by Dr. Akin on a consultation with private physician basis.

Applications for examination should be made through the county health department at their office, 215, 8th street, Astoria.

## P-T-A Elects

HAMMOND. (Special) — Officers for the coming year were elected this past week at a meeting of the Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA. They are: president, Mrs. Conrad Peterson; first vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Abbey Moore; second vice-president, Mrs. Harold Lawrence; third vice-president, Mrs. Emmagene Miller; secretary, Mrs. Rexford Reid and treasurer, Mrs. Chris Simonsen.

Mrs. Lucile Olney, health chairman, presented, Mr. Ryerson, county sanitarian, who spoke on, "Rat Eradication."

The meeting concluded with a social hour and lunch in the dining room. Hostesses were Mrs. Conrad Peterson, Mrs. Minnie McDermott, Mrs. Helen Yeager, Mrs. Victor Paschild and Mrs. Emmagene Miller.

# Blood Typing Set Tomorrow

The [illegible] a series of blood typing gatherings under American Legion sponsorship is scheduled [illegible] evening in the office of Dr. [illegible] Berg in the Flavel building, legion officials pointed out today, calling upon all persons to have their blood typed for a list from which donors can be obtained in case of emergency.

All legion members will be a[illegible] to appear for typing tomorrow [illegible] was said, and all other persons who [illegible] are invited. Other typing [illegible] will be conducted later [illegible] was said.

# Tuberculin Tests Conducted Here

[illegible] Harold Erickson, [illegible] state health officer and director of [illegible] health [illegible] been [illegible] the [illegible] tuberculin tests [illegible] the county [illegible] Clatsop health department [illegible] three days. He was [illegible] to leave Wednesday night.

Dr. Erickson came here [illegible] keep up the department's [illegible] and investigation work so [illegible] will not suffer from the [illegible] lack [illegible] Clatsop health [illegible]

Dr. Erickson [illegible] has [illegible] home [illegible] contracted [illegible]

# 35 Children Come To Clinic

[illegible] were scheduled to be examined Thursday at an orthopedic clinic conducted in the county health office jointly by the health department, county welfare committee and University of Oregon medical school. The session was to last all day.

Conducting the clinic were Dr. Louis Clark, director of the crippled children's division of the state; Dr. Otis Akin, examining orthopedic surgeon; Miss Irna Garner, medical social worker - consultant; Miss Alyce Bloom, orthopedic nurse, and Mrs. K. Hughes, secretary.

# War Declared On Astoria Rat Population! Poison, Refuse Control Planned

Under the streets and in the sewers and below the docks of downtown Astoria there is a secret, undisturbed and populous city of rats.

An intensive campaign to depopulate this community—a menace to Astoria's waterfront health—is under way under sponsorship of the Clatsop health department and the federal [illegible]

[illegible] Astoria, [illegible] teeming [illegible] Waterfront [illegible] was not [illegible]

Scientists [illegible] when the [illegible] ran [illegible] determine [illegible] Streets [illegible] has sections.

**Fugate Here**

Roy Fugate, Portland, district agent of the federal fish and wildlife service, has been here this week assisting Verne Reierson, Clatsop county sanitarian, and local [illegible] Missimo of the anti-rat [illegible]

Fugate and Reierson [illegible] the Astoria, Warrenton and [illegible] side dumps and [illegible] to repeat the [illegible] every two weeks. Following Wednesday [illegible] some of the Scientific Workers [illegible] ton [illegible] men returned Thursday and found a multitude of "very sick rats."

The dumps will be posted with notices of the poison, warning people not to permit children or pets to stray near the dumps.

**Burn Refuse**

Within a month or so a start will be made toward improving the dumps by better burning of refuse dumped there and by covering the material with earth.

Fugate and Reierson also began a survey of the waterfronts of the three Clatsop cities, starting in with the Astoria port docks and flour mill. Any business establishments which want anti-rat surveys may obtain such service by calling the county health department, Reierson said. Only cost will be for poison to kill off the rats.

**Asks Cooperation**

Public cooperation will be necessary for a successful anti-rat campaign, Reierson announced. Such practices as dumping of garbage in back yards, empty lots and the river only at times when the ebb tide will take it to sea, as fish refuse dumped at promiscuous times often floats back under the docks where rats can feast on it.

A heavy poisoning routine for rats will begin about the middle of this month, Reierson said.

## Rat Experts Help Work Here

Clatsop county's anti-rate campaign was augumented Monday by arrival of two rat killing experts [illegible] Portland—Albert H. Swain, of [illegible] the city of Portland ad[illegible] and Roy Fugate, dis[illegible] [illegible] and Fu[illegible] Verne [illegible] and [illegible] They will remain Tuesday.

A second poisoning and check-up [illegible] Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside city dumps was to be made, and a start was planned on an anti-rat survey of the waterfront, as well as several business establishments which have asked surveys.

# Health Work Essential As People Shift

The [illegible] ing on increa[illegible] the Sanitary [illegible] Everts Jr., stat[illegible] told members of the C[illegible] Health association at [illegible] banquet Thursday evening [illegible] ity Lutheran church.

Everts discussed general topics—sanitation and public health, [illegible] as getting a pure water supply, pasteurizing milk, controlling rodent [illegible] rats. Rats may [illegible] typhus, bubonic [illegible]

**Port To Open**

[illegible] announced that the Tapiola park swimming pool is expected to [illegible] June 1. He mentioned [illegible]

Verne C. Reierson, county sanitation, introduced Everts and Mrs. Everts, who was also present. Rev. J. Walton Kempe, president of the county health association, introduced the other officers of the association.

**Finance Report**

The financial report, released at the banquet, shows total receipts of $3,973.54 for the 15-month period of January 1, 1941, to March 31, 1942, and total expenditures of $3,065.35 for same period. Balance on hand is [illegible]

Health association activities during the last year included giving two scholarships to the 4-H club, $300 to the Astoria Parks association for the swimming pool, purchase of three health films, displaying a dental puppet show to 1800 school children, giving X-rays, tuberculin tests, tonsillectomies, and Christmas gifts, and inauguration of a rat control program.

Music at the banquet was furnished by Mrs Anthony Antonich, Mrs Forrest W. Ginn, Mrs. C. J. Layton, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mrs. Dorothy Stone Kinney and Jack Snell. The banquet was served by women of the Trinity Lutheran church.

## Cancer Control Week Plans Told

Clatsop county is well organized for the cancer control program scheduled for the week of April 27 according to Mrs. Francis Hurford Conklin, Oregon commander of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, who returned to Portland after an inspection tour to Clatsop county.

Other counties in the state are also getting organized, she declared. She outlined five cancer symptoms which would call for an immediate checkup.

They are: "1. Any persistent lump or thickening, especially of the breast.

"2. Any irregular bleeding or discharge from any of the body openings.

"3. Any sore that does not heal, particularly about the tongue, mouth or lips.

"4. Persistent indigestion, especially when accompanied by a distaste for meat.

"5. Sudden changes in the form or rate of growth of a mole or wart."

[illegible]

## [illegible] Speaker For Health Meet

Curtiss M. Eve[illegible] taken from Por[illegible] principal [illegible] dinner [illegible] county pu[illegible] held Thurs[illegible]

dinner chairman Ever[illegible] cuss the important and [illegible] ject of sanitation and [illegible] ship to public health.

The program also inclu[illegible] installation of officers and musical numbers. All [illegible] tending to attend the meeting, which is open to the public, are asked to call Miss Tibila at 519 for reservations. Because of the growing interest in public health, it is expected that a good many people will attend the meeting to hear Mr. Everts.

## Everets Speaker For Health Meet

[illegible] The annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop Health association [illegible] day evening at 6:30 in [illegible] Lutheran church [illegible] Wednesday by Rev. Walton Kempe, president, who [illegible]

[illegible] ent is a talk by Curtiss M. Everts, state sanitary engineer.

[illegible] the program are [illegible] by Rev. H. F. Th[illegible] [illegible] on of officers, numbers by an instrumental trio including Mrs. Dorothy Stone Kinney, Mrs. C. J. [illegible] and Mrs. D. J. Lewis; vocal [illegible] by Mrs. A. J. Antonich.

The public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling the county health office, 749.

**Health Meet Set**

The Clatsop county [illegible] sociation is holding a spe[illegible] education [illegible] Wednesday evening at the Ferrel building for the purpose of organizing offices and health education committees in the various P-TA's in the county with our school health and nutrition problems. A detailed report on sanitary conditions throughout the Clatsop county schools will be made by County Sanitarian Verne Reierson. Anyone [illegible] phase of public [illegible] Kempe, president of the health association.

# War on Tuberculosis Continues

Dr. Henry C. Sweany (left), medical director of the research laboratories of the Chicago municipal tuberculosis sanitarium, principal speaker Thursday at the Oregon Tuberculosis association's convention, is shown with Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem. The convention will be concluded Friday.

## Attend Meeting

A delegation from the Clatsop County Health association is leaving today and Thursday for Portland to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association. The meetings will take place all day Thursday and Friday and will be highlighted by an address by Dr. Henry C. Sweany, M. D., medical director of research of the Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis sanitorium. Dr. Sweany will talk on the subject "Lung Changes in Tuberculosis That May Help Us in Case Findings." Among those expected to attend from Astoria are the officers of the health association and nurses and sanitarian of the health department.

## Nurse Leaves

Miss Elizabeth Panck, public health nurse with the Clatsop health department the past 13 months, has left to take a public health nursing position in Washington county. Health department authorities said she would be replaced here soon.

## Children Immunized

Many children have been immunized in the period just preceding May 1—Child Health day according to Clatsop county health department authorities. The opportunity for immunizing children against diphtheria and smallpox will be continued each Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at the health department office on the second floor of the Flavel building.

# Water Group Sets Session

R. E. Dodson of the state board of health will be a principal speaker at a Clatsop Water Works conference session in Warrenton's IOOF hall Tuesday afternoon at 1, according to Verne Reierson, Clatsop county sanitarian. The meeting is one of a regular series held by municipal water officials of lower Columbia communities to discuss improvements and sanitation.

The program provides for discussions by Clyde Christie of Warrenton on improvements and additions being made to the Warrenton water system; by H. M. McCallister of Astoria on proposed chlorination improvements for the Astoria water supply; by A. M. Belleu of Seaside on a resort city's consumption and service problems, and by Reierson on bactereological examination of water.

Dodson's talk is billed for 4:30. He will discuss a water supply protection program. The public is invited.

Next meeting of the conference's series will be held in June.

# Immunization Deadline May 1

The Clatsop county health department in cooperation with national health groups is seeking to have Clatsop county children immunized before May 1 [illegible] theria, smallpox, whooping [illegible] and other children's disease. May 1 has been officially proclaimed as national child health day by President Roosevelt, the local department pointed out.

All children over nine months of age should be immunized against diphtheria and smallpox particularly, and preferably this should be done before they are a year old, the health department pointed out.

This immunization can be done either by the family physician or through arrangement with the county health department.

The danger of these children's diseases is particularly great now because of the increased shifting of populations due to the war, the health department said.

# Selectee Medical Tests Reveal Presence of T-B

Seventy-two army selectees out of a total of 2056 examined at the Portland army induction center between March 23 and April 7 were rejected for military service because of tuberculosis, Lieutenant-Commander V. E. Hockett, state medical officer for the naval reserve, declared Thursday as the Oregon Tuber[illegible]sis association's two-day [illegible]ntion opened in the pub[illegible]rvice building auditorium.

"All selectees have been [illegible]. X-ray chest examinations [illegible] March 23," Lieutenant-[illegible]mmander Hockett said. "To[illegible] rejections were 716, or [illegible]t one of every three examined, while 10 per cent of the rejectees were tubercular."

### Names Turned Over

He added that the induction [illegible] could do nothing for the rejects, but declared their [illegible] had been turned over to [illegible] and county health boards, [illegible] the O. T. A.

[illegible] have been [illegible] at Oregon State college this school [illegible]. Dr. D. C. Reynolds, assistant director of health services at O. S. C., declared. X-ray examinations are still being given at the Corvallis school, he said.

"Due to decreased [illegible]ment and other examinations these examinations have not been continued at the University of Oregon, and as a result no new cases have been discovered there," said Dr. Reynolds.

### Ratios About Same

"In the past the cases at the two large state schools were just about parallel, which makes a score of state to state university gray cave tuberculo-

A better spirit of co-operation between the medical profession and the lay groups combating tuberculosis was urged by Dr. Henry C. Sweany, medical director of the research laboratories at the Chicago municipal tuberculosis sanitarium, in the principal afternoon address.

"The best source for the discovery of new cases is in the [illegible] covered by the medical [illegible]gression," said Dr. Sweany, whose topic was "Lung Changes in Tuberculosis That May Help Us in Case Finding."

"Records show that about 75 per cent of new tuberculosis cases are discovered by practising physicians, many in the late stages.

"By exploiting this field with the proper co-ordination between the lay groups and doctors we can remove the last great frontier in case finding."

### Hospital Draws Praise

High praise for the work carried on at the eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles was voiced Thursday by Rev. Fred L. Swanson, president of the Harney county public health association, in a report at the opening morning session.

"Charges had been made that patients were sent there in order that their last days might be comfortable, rather than for cure," said Rev. Swanson.

"An investigating delegation proved these rumors to be false. It was revealed that many cures were being effected and the doctors were enthusiastic about the hospital's efficiency."

# Healthmen Okeh John Day Plans

High officials of the U. S. public health service Thursday inspected the proposed new John Day district water system and approved plans for the project which will also serve Tongue Point naval air station, according to Verne Reierson, county sanitarian.

The officials included A. L. Dopmeyer, San Francisco, and Commander E. Boyce, Washington, D. C., both senior sanitary engineers. Also in the party were C. M. Evert, Jr. and K. Spies, state sanitary engineers.

The inspection was made in connection with a proposed federal grant to finance construction of a water system which would tap the Astoria water mains southeast of the city.

## Portlandiin

Oregonin tuberkuloosiyhdistyksen vuosikokoukseen Clatsop kauntin terveydenhoitoyhdistyksen edustajina ovat matkustaneet m.m. William Seeborg, Miss Aini Tihilä, tri Nellie Vernon, Verne Reierson, Mrs. Bert Anderson ja Mrs. Harvey Abel. Kokous pidetään torstaina ja tänään perjantaina.

# Clatsop Fighting Children Diseases

ASTORIA, April 23.—Clatsop county's health department said today it is driving toward complete immunization of Clatsop children aaginst diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough and other childrens diseases by May 1, which will be National Child Health day as designated by President Roosevelt.

The department pointed out that all children more than 9 months of age should be immunized against diphtheria and smallpox particularly, and preferably the work should be done before the child is a year old. The program is part of a national campaign to fight against children's diseases liable to spread because of shifting populations due to the war.

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# NURSING CLASSES HEAR TECHNICIAN

Five home nursing classes met Tuesday evening at the city hall in joint session to hear Vern Rierson, technician for the Clatsop county health department, lecture on some of the facts of sanitary conditions in the county. Approximately 65 women werepresent to hear Rierson state that Seaside ranks high in sanitary conditions which he has tested.

Three of the home nur[illegible] classes represented at the l[illegible]ture are made up of Seasi[illegible] residents. The other group were from Cannon Beach.

# GRANGE DISCUSSES NUTRITION PROBLEM

Nutrition for defense was the principal subject of discussion at the regular meeting of the Necanicum Grange held Friday evening at the Woodman hall. Mrs. Afton Zundel was the speaker. Following her talk the group was shown the motion picture, "The Proof of the Pudding," a picture on the subject of nutrition sponsored by the New York Life Insurance company.

Others on the program were Mr. and Mrs. Gault Patton and Rev. Meredith A. Groves. Mr. Patton led the community singing, accompanied by Mrs. Patton. Rev. Groves talked on the morale of the nation.

At the business session that followed the program, grange master, Al Armin, reported he [illegible] talked to teach different groups the trails and dangers of the Death Traps to aid with rescues.

## Dr. Berg Back On Health Job

Dr. [illegible] Berg, Clatsop county health officer, is back on the job after several months in the army's medical corps.

Dr. Berg was called to active duty as a reserve officer, but some technicalities arose resulting from expiration of his commission before he had been summoned. He and several other physicians in the same situation who had been called to duty at Fort Lewis at the same time were released.

Dr. Berg said he did not know whether his restoration to private life would be permanent or not, but in the meanwhile he will resume service as county health officer.

## Clatsop 2nd In Seal Sale

The Clatsop county health association was awarded second place in the state for its achievement during the Christmas Seal sale it was reported at the regular health association meeting held Friday. The award was made at the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association held recently in Portland.

Clatsop county was second in counties of more than 20,000 population and had sold an average of 12.4 seals per person. Multnomah county was first. The state had a total of $101,267.89, an increase of 21.9 per cent over 1941 and went $11,000 over the goal set by the national association. The returns in the county totaled $3076. Attending the Portland meeting as delegates from the local association were Mrs. Harvey Abel, vice-president, Mrs. Bert Anderson, seal sale secretary-treasurer, Miss Alni Tiilila, health department clerk and Vern Reierson, county sanitarian.

It was stated also that Clatsop county rates high in the state in health work done by the association and by the county health department.

An active campaign to educate the public on the dangers of venereal diseases will be underway as soon as new booklets and films which are being purchased, arrive. Other health education has been going on particularly in regards to the prevention and control of tuberculosis and will continue, it was reported. Rev. J. W. Kempe, president, presided at the meeting.

## Health Officers To Attend Meet

A considerable delegation from the Clatsop health department will go to Portland May 25 and 26 for a group of state health meetings.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, and Dr. Nellie Vernon, Astoria city health officer, will attend the state health officers' association convention and the annual conference of city and county health officers. Dr. Berg is president of the state association and will not only preside but present a discussion on health department records.

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, and Miss Shirley Vergeer, county health nurse, will attend a session of nurses and sanitarians to be held simultaneously. Reierson will be on the program with a discussion of rat control work.

**Delegates to Portland**

A delegation from the Clatsop county association will go Thursday and Friday to the annual meeting of the Oregon tuberculosis association. The delegates will include William Seeley, Reierson, Mrs. Bert Anderson, Mrs. Harvey Abel, Miss [illegible] Dr. Nellie Vernon and [illegible]

## U. S. Public Health Shows Improvement Since 1917

[illegible] public health [illegible] the nation's health [illegible] last 25 years. [illegible] health officer [illegible] county [illegible] address.

**More Stringent**

A [illegible] for the army [illegible] today than was evidenced in 1917 constitutes an index of public health the speaker added, as he told of the more stringent [illegible] army examiners and the improved methods of the authorities in searching out potential disability cases among prospective soldiers.

There were no X-ray tests for tuberculosis during the 1917 examinations and no rejects of men whose mentality might easily have been upset by the horrors of war as there is today, declared Dr. Berg, while social disease cases were very largely overlooked by the [illegible] examiners. Today all this is different. Potential mental cases are rejected and are all men suffering with some diseases.

**Bigger, Better**

Actually the men examined for the army today are bigger and better [illegible] nation.

**Favors Control**

Taking issue mildly with those who do not see eye to eye [illegible] of the soldier once he is in the army, Dr. Berg said that figures compiled before and after the control of commercialized prostitution are eliminated leave little room for the argument of those who would keep them open.

There has been a decided drop in the number of cases of social diseases among soldiers in communities [illegible] houses of prostitution [illegible] and while the [illegible] no means solved [illegible] the worst fears of [illegible] spared sex crimes would increase by leaps and bounds have been realized.

## [illegible] AGAINST FEVER

Two cases of scarlet fever [illegible] been discovered in Seaside parents of children are w by Dr. J. E. Vinson, city health officer, to watch carefully the symptoms of the disease to give their children prompt attention if the symptoms occur, or if they show any signs of ill health. A combination of a fever, a sore throat and a rash is practically sure to mean an attack of scarlet fever, he said.

The first known case was reported more than a month ago and both schools took prompt measures to prevent exposure, with the result that an anticipated spread of the disease did not develop at that time. Under present conditions Dr. Vinson urges parents to use every precaution, however.

# CLAMS BANNED LOCALLY AS CATS, CHICKENS DIE

## State Police Set Patrol Of Beaches

Clatsop county cats and chickens have died from eating clams and Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, Thursday warned the public to abstain from digging and eating clams until further investigation is made of the situation.

At request of the health department, state police have established a patrol on the beach warning people not to dig or eat clams. Sheriff Paul Kearney asked Harvey Willis, special deputy at Cannon Beach, to spread the warning in that district.

**Lab Samples**

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, was dispatched to Portland with samples of the clams that killed chickens and cats in Astoria Warrenton and Seaside. He also took two of the dead chickens.

Tests will be made at the state health department, but it will probably be a week until results are known, Dr. Berg said. In the meanwhile he urged strongly that people leave clams and shellfish alone.

**Animals Die**

Clams dug by Jacob Bosshart of Warrenton last Sunday apparently killed 11 chickens owned by his sister, Mrs. A. H. Tetlow, and two cats owned by Bosshart. Clams also reportedly killed some chickens owned by Mrs. Albert Porter of Astoria and Seaside police reported to Dr. Berg that some chickens had been killed there by clams.

Dr. Berg said nature of the poison that is in the clams is not known. Apparently it is not caused by bacteria, but by some condition in the clams themselves.

Mussel poisoning such as in the past has occurred in clams, kills swiftly and there is no taste or odor to betray it.

It is presumed here that the Clatsop clams are in the same condition as those in Washington [illegible] which have killed cats, dogs and even people in the past few days.

SEATTLE, (U.P.)—A ban on the consumption of clams taken from Pacific northwest beaches remained in effect today as health authorities awaited laboratory findings in the fatal poisoning of six persons and numerous animals and fowl.

A rigid prohibition against the digging or sale of clams was ordered on Washington, and residents of Oregon and British Columbia were warned to refrain from eating the shellfish.

**Stricker Speaks**

Dr. Frederick Stricker, Oregon state health officer, issued the warning in Oregon. No humans were stricken in that state but one cat died after eating scraps of raw clams.

Fred J. Foster, Washington state director of fisheries, said 700 or 800 [illegible] were inspected temporarily [illegible] by the state, including clam [illegible] and cannery workers. He said nearly 300,000 pounds of razor clams would have been canned in the state if the poisonous outbreak had not occurred.

He said the rule actually involved only razor clams, since the seasons for little neck and butter clams were already closed.

Three of the fatalities occurred in Clallam County, Wash., and the others on Vancouver Island, B. C.

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## State Man Finds Clatsop Water Supply Protected

Water supply protection in Clatsop county is well advanced, according to Roy Dodson of the state board of health who has been loaned to the state defense council as coordinator for water supply protection for the state.

Dodson was here Tuesday to address a meeting of water officials of northwest Oregon cities, 15 of whom attended the session held in Warrenton. He examined what had been done regarding water supply protection and conferred with George McClean, Astoria city manager and local representative of the state utility control council for the war emergency.

Water supply protection has been [illegible] here largely by McClean and Verne Reierson, sanitarian of the county health [illegible]

**Take Inventories**

Among the work done has been the taking of inventories of trained personnel, replacement supplies and repair equipment in all communities here so that assistance can be summoned promptly for repair of any water system bombed. A state inventory has been prepared in Dodson's office, so that personnel and repair equipment can be obtained promptly and rushed from other counties to one in which there has been bomb or sabotage damage.

Dodson lauded the work done here, which he said was more advanced than in many other counties of Oregon.

Among the speakers at the water officials conference was McClean, who explained improved chlorination work recently instituted on the Astoria water system.

# DIGGING, SALE BANNED

# CLAMS POISON;

## Sample Tested At Lab

Clatsop county clams tested by the state health department at its Portland laboratories killed all the white rats on which they were tried. Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop health officer, reported Saturday.

The state health department announced definitely that the clams contained an alkaloidal poison similar to that found in mushrooms and imposed a statewide ban upon digging or sale of all clams until the condition has been cleared up.

The clam samples were taken to Portland by Verne Rrierson, county sanitarian, after reports had come in of the clams killing cats and chickens which had eaten them.

**2 Persons Ill**

Dr. Berg said Saturday that additional reports of clams killing chickens in all parts of the county had been received, about a dozen reports in all. There had also been by Saturday two cases of humans being ill after eating clams, but in neither case was the illness reported serious.

"I believe people in the county are pretty well warned by now," Dr. Berg said. "We were just lucky there weren't some deaths before it became known that the clams are poisonous."

**Beach Patrol**

Radio and newspaper warnings and a state police patrol on the beach had been used to spread the news that Clatsop clams are unsafe eating.

Portland press accounts said the poison in the clams had been identified as a uni-cellular organism, gonyaulax catenella, the same which had caused three deaths in Washington and two in British Columbia.

State health officers gave the opinion that it was something the clams had been eating that caused the poison, and Dr. Berg said that the poison seemed most concentrated in the digestive systems of the clams.

**Jap Current**

One theory advanced was that the approach of the Japanese current closer to the Oregon coast—same thing that supposedly brought the albacore tuna—had brought the organisms which makes clams poisonous.

Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer, arrived in Seaside Saturday morning and complimented the Clatsop health department on the prompt measures it had taken to warn people against the clams. He was on his way to Tillamook county, where some trouble caused by poisoned clams had been reported.

SEATTLE (U.P.) — Dr. Herman Sommer of the Hooper institute, San Francisco, the nation's leading authority on mussel poisoning, today investigated the mysterious taint to beach clams which killed at least six persons in the Pacific Northwest last week.

Dr. Sommer injected into a white mouse a solution of clam intestine that killed the mouse in a minute and a half.

He said he believed with Dr. Trevor Kincaid of the University of Washington zoology department that a "red tide" which periodically poisons the fishing and clam industries of Japan and southern California was responsible for the infection here.

Oysters will also be banned from markets if they are found to be poisonous. Digging and sale of clams has been halted.

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## Berg Makes Clam Report

[illegible] clam samples sent in from [illegible] county's health department [illegible] state health board laboratories last week were poisonous, both cleaned and uncleaned samples included, according to Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, who said Monday he had received final reports from the laboratories [illegible] included six batches of [illegible] from various points [illegible] county's whole coast [illegible]

**No Illnesses**

Dr. Berg said no further cases had come of people being poisoned and he said he believed all eating of clams except the [illegible] ned variety had ceased.

Dr. Berg said he did not know when the ban would be lifted but that he hoped samples could be sent in every two weeks or so for test, so that the beaches could be reopened immediately in case the poison should disappear.

A clam [illegible] the department [illegible] up to November 1 would [illegible] but [illegible] ordered [illegible] those [illegible] to the results Dr. Berg pointed out.

## New Study On Clams

The Clatsop county health department will take to Portland this week-end samples of clams from Clatsop beaches to determine if there is any change in the poison condition that forced a ban on clam consumption on the beaches a few weeks ago, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, reported Friday.

**Ban Modified**

At the same time, word was received from Portland that the state health department had modified the ban by permitting sale of clams for human consumption if they are cleaned, thoroughly washed, and all dark parts discarded.

A formal quarantine on all sale or use of mussels and uncleaned clams was ordered kept in force to October 31.

Only white meat of the clam may be prepared for cooking and eating the state health board said.

Dr. Berg said the Clatsop health department will periodically throughout the summer send in clam samples for analysis to determine if the poison condition that particularly affects the dark meat of the clam is disappearing.

## Ban On Clams Lifted By Health Officer

The ban on clams has been lifted, under certain restrictions, by Dr. Stricker, state health officer, and more than 100 dozen of the shell fish were served in Seaside restaurants over the weekend. Many persons dug clams and made the most of it Saturday and Sunday and many more expect to do the same this weekend during the exceptionally low tides.

The ban still holds on mussels and hard shell clams. No clams can be sold or shipped without being cleaned.

Dr. Stricker warned that the poison was still present in the digestive tract of the clams. They are safe only when thoroughly cleaned, and all dark portions of the clam removed. He warned against the practice of leaving the liver in cleaned clams, declaring that only the white meat was safe and that everything else must be entirely removed.

Clams were on sale over the Weekend here and while the counter sales were small there was a huge demand for them in restaurants. One Seaside restaurant served 40 dozen clams and another 25 dozen. Evidently the public is not concerned over the situation.

Oregon regulations concerning clams now correspond roughly with those of the state of Washington so far as the poison clam situation is concerned.

## Rat Control Work Proceeding

The rat control program which was inaugurated by the Clatsop health department several weeks ago is now on a routine basis, according to Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. Periodic poisonings of city dumps and other rat harborages are in progress.

Reierson said that surveys made of the Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside waterfronts showed them practically free of rat harborages, indicating that sewers and old buildings are the principal locations of such harborages.

Reierson said that persons interested in having private locations freed of rats should call the county health department and arrangements will be made.

**Rat Controller Here**

Albert Swain, Portland, rat control expert of the federal fish and wild life service, was here Monday assisting Verne Reierson, Clatsop county sanitarian, in poison-baiting work in Astoria and Seaside. It was part of the rat control program being conducted in the county by the county health department.

**Attend Gas Meeting**

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, and Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, have returned from a Portland meeting called to discuss poison gas and its effects. Representatives of the air defense and [illegible] acquaint physicians with symptoms and character of poison gases that might be used against this country, and to give a brief summary of treatment.

**Examinations Tomorrow**

Health examinations for children who will enter the first grade of John Jacob Astor school for the first time next fall will be held Tuesday morning and afternoon at the county health department. Arrangements for the examinations have been made by the Astoria P-TA.

## Jr. High Health Exams Wed.

[illegible] the health [illegible] while a date has not yet been [illegible] examination. All [illegible] ions ought to be completed in June, Dr. Berg said. Examinations in rural communities will be conducted later in the summer.

## Health Exam Set

[illegible] June 3 for a physical examination, it was announced today by [illegible] Superintendent A. C. Ham[illegible]

## Doctor Approves Civilian Defense In Clatsop

Clatsop county, along with Portland, has developed perfect civilian defense organization from the medical standpoint, Dr. George Mehr of Washington, D. C., chief medical officer of the Office of Civilian Defense, declared at a meeting of county and city health officials of Oregon in Portland this week.

Mrs. Rose Reith, Clatsop probation officer, who attended the session, reported that Dr. Bachr declared the Clatsop and Portland organizations were perfect and that he could make no suggestions for their improvement, as they met all national standards.

Mrs. Reith said, however, that Dr. Bachr urged as many women [illegible] take home nursing instruction as a precaution against [illegible] of wartime epidemics such as the influenza epidemic of the last war.

The Clatsop Red Cross chapter has conducted three home nursing classes so far and is making plans for others, Mrs. Reith said.

Dr. Bachr addressed the state medical disaster division of the Oregon Defense council at the Portland meeting. Mrs. Reith and Myron Jones, Clatsop civilian defense director, E. E. Berg, county health officer was also in attendance.

## V. Reierson President

Verne Reierson, Clatsop county sanitarian, was elected president of the Oregon Association of Sanitarians at its second annual meeting in Portland last week. He succeeds John Borden, Clackamas county sanitarian.

"All important subjects of sanitation were covered during the two day meeting," Reierson reported. "The keynote of the [illegible] was to coordinate [illegible] whole state. Greater [illegible] upon emergency precautions for the welfare of the people, especially if actual amergency arises.

**On Call**

"All health department officials are subject to call to any county within the state to help in any outbreak or serious emergency."

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, outgoing president of the Oregon State Health Officers association, presided at sessions of that group also held in Portland last week.

**Succeeds Berg**

Dr. D. P. Trullinger of Pendleton was elected president to succeed Dr. Berg, who not only presided but presented official greetings and discussed health officers' duties at a session on health department records in connection with the meeting.

Reierson appeared on the sanitarians' program twice, discussing rat control and water supply protection.

## Local Medical Equipment Good

Medical equipment and facilities here are better than at many of the strategic centers along the Oregon coast, according to Dr. L. W. Rose, of the Pacific area office of the Red Cross, who was here Wednesday with John D. Scott, Portland, state Red Cross representative, in the course of a survey of medical facilities at key coast cities.

Dr. Rose met with a group of local people including Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer; Rev. E. W. Hughes, Red Cross disaster chairman here; Dr. Vernon Fowler, Red Cross medical committee chairman; Mrs. Rose Reith, defense corps personnel chairman, and Mrs. Alton Zundel, nutrition chairman.

**Make Surveys Here**

R. L. Dodson and Archie Rice, sanitation engineers from the state board of health, are in Astoria making milk surveys which will be completed on June 21.

**Officials Here**

Albert Swain, city of Portland rat control chief, and Fred Sankey, fish and wild life service representative, were in Astoria yesterday conferring with county health officials on the rat control project.

## Western Health Problems Studied

SEATTLE (UP) — Health problems facing the western states in wartime were discussed today at the 13th annual session of the western branch of the American Public Health association.

At the opening session Dr. John J. Sippy of Stockton, Cal., outlined subjects to be discussed during the three day session.

"Increased population brings with it increased problems of such things as water supply, sewage and garbage disposal," Dr. Sippy said in reference to the program.

"We shall have to watch for influenza epidemics," he cautioned.

"Laboratories are working day and night to handle these various situations. Other problems, such as venereal disease, are being much better handled now than ever before."

Miss Ethel Gunderson and Shirley Vergeer, public health nurses with the Clatsop county health department, will attend meetings of the western branch of the American Public health association in Seattle Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer and Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, are expected back Tuesday night from Portland, where they have been attending a public health convention and took samples of Clatsop county clams for analysis.

**Clinic Held**

Pre-school clinics were completed Wednesday with the examination of 16 youngsters preparing to enter Captain Robert Gray school next fall. The health office has announced that one day in August, to be announced later, will be given over to the examination of children who missed the other tests by Dr. E. E. Berg.

## Mussel Ban Now Official

An official edict establishing a quarantine on all mussels from the Pacific shore of Oregon and its bays and estuaries has just been issued by the state health department, according to information received by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer. It also applies to uncleaned clams.

**Clams Dangerous**

Dr. Berg said the situation as regards clams and mussels from the Oregon [illegible] dangerous unless the dark [illegible]

The quarantine edict follows:

To the Health Officers:

A quarantine is hereby established on all mussels from the shores of the Pacific ocean in Oregon, extending from the Oregon-California boundary north to the Oregon-Washington boundary, including its bays and estuaries emptying into the Pacific ocean.

Mussels and uncleaned clams are unfit for human consumption, and it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or distribute them in the state of Oregon during the period of May 1 to October 31. All clams dug may be sold or disposed of for human consumption only if cleaned and thoroughly washed and all [illegible] parts discarded. Only the [illegible] meat should be prepared for cooking and eating.

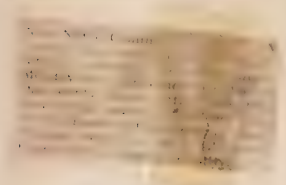
This action is taken for the preservation of the public health in addition to the rule and regulation governing the sanitary control of shell fish.

FREDERICK STRIKER,
State health officer.

## Child Health Exam Set June 3

[illegible] have been advised to [illegible] all children who will enter [illegible] school for the first time next September to the county health department in the Flavel building between 1 and 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday, June 3.

Parents with further questions about the health examination may obtain it by phoning Mrs. [illegible] E. Engbretson, president-elect of the Lewis and Clark Parent-Teachers association. Her [illegible]



## Dr. Berg East For Polio School

Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, left Wednesday for Minneapolis, where he will attend a special school for physicians at the University hospital in Minneapolis.

The course, lasting two weeks, will deal with the Kenny method of treating infantile paralysis. Dr. Berg will be the only doctor attending from Oregon. He will be back in Astoria August 26.

### State Bacteriologist Here

Joseph Penrod, state bacteriologist from the state board of health and Albert H. Swain, senior biological agent with the fish and wild life service in Portland, were in Astoria today looking over the rat control program fostered by Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. Penrod was collecting rodents from the entire county to test for evidences of bubonic plague or pneumonic plague. Both diseases are usually carried by rats or other rodents.

## Well-Baby Clinic

HAMMOND, (Special) — The Hammond-Fort Stevens well-baby clinic will be held Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p. m. in the Hammond school for diphtheria immunization and smallpox vaccination, it was announced today by Pauline Lawrence, chairman. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician and county health nurses will supervise the clinic, assisted by members of the Hammond P-TA.

### Air Raid Wardens Meet

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, will preside [illegible] meeting [illegible] general meeting of air raid wardens, Carlson Landahl, district head warden for the county, has announced. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the auditorium at the Lewis and Clark school.

### On Vacation

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, is on his two weeks vacation. He will return to work August 17.

### Health Examination

The health examination [illegible] for 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Monday for children entering the first [illegible] of Astoria schools this fall [illegible] not have a previous examination early in the summer, the public health office has stated. They are to appear at the public health offices in the Flavel building on that day and are to be accompanied by their parents or some other adult.

### Correction

The health examination for children entering the first grade for the first time in Astoria schools this fall will be held in the county health office, Flavel building on Tuesday, not Monday. The examination is for children who failed to report for an examination given in the summer.

## Measles, Chicken Pox, Flu Lead Disease Report

Measles, influenza and chicken pox retain their "popularity" over the years, according to the county health department's summary of disease cases reported in the county during the last five years. The five year totals show 534 cases of measles reported, 460 cases of influenza and 457 cases of chicken pox.

Persons with communicable diseases admitted to health department service were 70 in the first six months of 1937, 201 in the first six months of 1942.

Ranking in order behind measles, influenza and chicken pox in number of cases are whooping cough, scabies, gonorrhea, impetigo, syphilis, scarlet fever, pneumonia, mumps and tuberculosis. Seven cases of the dread poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis were reported in 1938, only one in the first six months of 1942.

Incidence of the two venereal diseases remains surprisingly even during the five year period. There were 26 cases of gonorrhea in six months of 1938, an equal number in the first six months of 1942. Yearly average was 34.2 cases. There were 13 cases of syphilis in six months of 1938, 17 in the first six months of 1942 and a yearly average of 29.2 for the period.

To be kept in mind in connection with the disease totals is that they include only cases reported. Other cases may not have been reported to public health authorities.

### Health Examination

Pupils entering the Astoria grade schools from outside Clatsop county for the first time this year have been asked to report for a health examination Tuesday, September 8, at the public health office in the Flavel building. Lewis and Clark pupils are to report between 11 and 12 a. m., after registering, and Gray and Astor school pupils between 1 and 3 p. m. Tuesday afternoon. First graders, who have received their health examinations previously, are not to report.

## Tapiola Pool Open Labor Day

The Tapiola park swimming pool will be open Labor Day but will be closed on Tuesday for the weekly clean-up, Joe Nivala, member of the parks committee announced today.

At a meeting Friday evening the committee voted to continue to keep the pool open in the afternoons for as long as the weather permits.

The pool's cold water has apparently failed to daunt young and old swimmers alike, for registration figures show an average of 532 swimmers daily and 5,927 during the past four weeks.

## Tapiola Pool Found Sanitary

[illegible] terial examinations, both satisfactory, have been made. The [illegible] of bacteria show that water in the pool has less bacteria than most drinking water. Fresh water and chlorine are added to the pool every day and the pool is cleaned weekly. The general sanitation, such as operation of footbaths and showers, is satisfactory, according to Reierson.

### To Attend Meeting

Members of the Clatsop county health department will go to Portland Monday to attend a meeting of the state joint committee on health and physical fitness. Representatives of the state department of education and the state board of health will be at the meeting to discuss the health of the school age child. Attending from here will be Dr. E. E. Berg, Miss Shirley Vergeer, Ethel Gunderson and Dorothea Seebers.

### In Portland

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, is in Portland attending a meeting of the Oregon Sanitarian association, which will close Saturday.

## Benefit Hit Candy At Schools

[illegible] of candy at [illegible] was criticized by [illegible] meeting yesterday [illegible] Imperial grill.

Dr. DeCamp spoke [illegible] from the Dental Standpoint."

### SOCIAL [illegible] OW FIRST MEETING SET TUESDAY

The Mothers' club of Star of the Sea school will hold its first business meeting of the new school year Tuesday, September 29, in the school auditorium, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health superintendant, will speak. New members are invited to attend.

## Milk Fund Affair Breaks Records

The 1942 Milk Fund Jamboree returned a net of $1182.92 and broke all previous records in attendance and funds collected for purposes of supplying milk to Clatsop county under-nourished and underprivileged children, it was announced today by the committee in charge.

The receipts this year exceeded the previous high year of 1938 when people paid in $913.19. And the event last Saturday night in the USO-Recreation building attracted proceeds greater than for the combined Jamborees of 1937 and 1938.

A total of $464.25 was taken in at the gate last week-end. Gross returns for the whole affair were $1270.25, from which was deducted $87.60, the smallest expense for several years.

## Well-Baby Clinic Comes Tuesday

HAMMOND, (Special)—A well baby clinic will be held at the Hammond grade school Tuesday, October 13, from 1 to 1:30.

The clinic will be in charge of Dr. E. E. Berg and he will be assisted by Miss Dorothea Seebers, and women members of the Hammond, Fort Stevens P-TA. All parents of pre-school children are urged to bring them to the clinic for immunization and vaccination.

The school children will be given this attention in the forenoon. Mrs. Ed Hansen, health chairman of the P-TA, has sent cards to nearly 75 mothers [illegible] Fort Stevens. This clinic is for

## Mrs. Moody New Health Nurse

Mrs. Ruth Moody has arrived from Indianapolis to assume the duties of public health nurse for Clatsop county Thursday, since at that time Miss Dorothea Seebers, present health nurse, will leave to become a navy nurse at Bremerton, Wash.

Mrs. Moody a native of Kentucky, attended Transylvania college in Lexington, Ky., and graduated from Washington university in St. Louis, Mo., where she took her nurse's training. Her husband, D. L. Moody, is in service with the navy somewhere in the Pacific.

# "Pied Piper" Reierson Asks Householders' Cooperation In Rat Control Problems

Now that the hot days of summer are approaching their end and the damp cold days of winter coming on, the rat, like other forms of life, will be seeking warmth and shelter, points out Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. In other words the rat, of which there are about three for every person in Astoria, will be moving into homes, stores, and other shelter, where they may obtain food and enjoy protection from the elements.

In making his appeal for home-owners to rat-proof their houses as much as possible, Reierson pointed to some of the losses caused by rats in the Astoria area within the last few months.

Rats did about $450 worth of damage to cupboards and kitchen equipment in one large public place near Astoria within a three-week period. Rats have caused at least $250 damage to interior decorations of one house in Astoria. Reierson and a federal government inspector trapped 33 rats in one house in Warrenton.

**Farmers Lose**

Farmers in the county may lose as much as $4 to $5 worth of grain monthly by rodent infestation. Many stores in Astoria have lost considerably from rats sampling large numbers of melons or other produce so that it has to be thrown away. A study reveals that it costs about seven cents a day to feed a rat, which would amount to a monthly loss of as much as $63,000 for Astoria, assuming there are the 30,000 rats estimated to be here.

It is up to the homeowner to discourage rat infestation by disposing of his garbage in a sanitary way and to eliminate means by which rats can get access to homes, Reierson states. Garbage should be put in well lidded cans or burned in stoves or furnaces. All edible foods should be well covered with glass or tin.

**Rat-Proof Methods**

To rat-proof a house, all extraneous openings to the basement should be eliminated, with special attention paid to pipes, windows, sills and doors. Heavy fine mesh wire or tin over the openings will usually keep the rodents out. Food in the basement should be stored so that rats cannot get to it.

If homes are already infested so that the owner cannot cope with them, Reierson will be willing to assist in setting out poison or in advising on methods of rat-proofing. Obviously there are many houses which cannot be rat-proofed.

**No Garbage Dumping**

As part of the campaign against rats, the promiscuous dumping of garbage about the city must be stopped, Reierson stated. He warned that if it is not stopped voluntarily, the assistance of city or county officials will be called in. Many homes have no approved methods of garbage disposal and dump their garbage in four main dumping areas, below the city park toward the Williamsport road, in Alderbrook, the hill area at the end of Jerome avenue, and above Alameda avenue.

The rat campaign here will always be hindered by the large number of vacant lots, covered with underbrush. Continual poisoning is keeping rats at a minimum in dumps along the waterfront.

**Reports Work**

Since start of the anti-rat campaign last spring, Reierson has made 24 garbage treatments, 29 garbage dump inspections, 16 private poisonings and 29 private calls, while four garbage dumps have been eliminated and three major city dumps improved. Assisting in the work have been Albert Swain and Roy Fugate, officials with the federal fish and wild life service from Portland.

# Immunization Of Children Urged By Health Doctor

Parents were urged today by Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, to assume the responsibility of having their children immunized against smallpox and diphtheria, since there is a definite prospect that medical and nursing facilities for the civilian population will be still further curtailed.

**War Epidemics**

Epidemics of disease are prone to appear more frequently and with greater violence in wartime, Dr. Berg pointed out, since shifting of population offers better opportunities for spread of disease, population tends to mass in limited areas with inadequate housing and sanitary facilities, body resistance is lowered by greater stress and strain, and the usual protective facilities, doctors, nurses, and public health personnel are lost to the war effort.

"As a means of conserving and protecting the coming generation it is to be especially urged during the present emergency that all children be protected against those diseases for which we have adequate means of immunization," Dr. Berg stated.

**Many Unprotected**

"Records show there are still a large number of children in Clatsop county unprotected against smallpox and diphtheria. This is especially true of the infant and preschool age groups and it is in this age group particularly that diphtheria takes its greatest toll.

"Clatsop county has had tragic experiences with diphtheria in recent years. Immunization against diphtheria, vaccination for smallpox and immunization against whooping cough should all be complete by the time the child is a year of age. It is advisable to delay the use of these procedures until the child enters school."

# Junior Woman's Club Plans For Baby Clinic

The first fall meeting of the Junior Woman's club was held Tuesday evening at the Woman's club house, with Mrs. William Palmrose, president of the club, in charge of the business meeting. Miss Edith Mary Kyle was elected and installed as second vice president and Mrs. Tom Chave as corresponding secretary, taking the offices of two members who have moved away since the installation in the spring. Other officers are, Mrs. Leslie Dunton, first vice president; Mrs. V. Y. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Shaw, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Leo Klein and Mrs. Bob Schmid, directors.

Plans for holding a baby clinic with the cooperation of [illegible] county health officer, and Miss Gunderson, county health nurse, were outlined and plans for the forming of a Red Cross sewing unit in the club were discussed.

Refreshments were served at the close of the business session by Mrs. Palmrose, Mrs. Emmett Cole and Mrs. Harry Williams.

# Miss Seebers Now Navy Nurse

**Miss Dorothea F. Seebers, county health nurse since July, has been ordered to report for active duty October 20 with the navy nurse corps at Puget Sound, Wash., where she will receive an ensign's commission. Miss Seebers is a member of the first reserve of the American Red Cross and formerly worked as county nurse in Curry county.**

**She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Seebers, Portland, and received her bachelor of science degree and public health nursing certificate from the University of Oregon.**

**Health Official Here**

Dr. W. H. Harrison, San Francisco, was in Astoria today consulting with Clatsop county health officials. Dr. Harrison is with the U. S. public health service and now has duties in connection with the Japanese evacuation.

# Women Plan Baby Clinic

SEASIDE. (Special) — Mrs. William Palmrose, president, presided at the first fall meeting of the Junior Woman's club Tuesday evening at the Woman's club house. Miss [illegible] was elected and installed as second vice president [illegible] secretary, succeeding two members who have left the city since the formal installation last spring. Other officers are Mrs. Leslie Dunton, first vice-president; Mrs. V. Y. Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Shaw, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Leo Klein and Mrs. Robert Schmid directors.

**Sewing Unit**

Plans for holding a baby clinic under the direction of Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer and Miss Gunderson, county health nurse, were outlined. The club is also planning a Red Cross sewing unit.

Refreshments were served with Mrs. Palmrose, Mrs. Emmett Cole and Mrs. Harry Williams as the refreshment committee.

**Rat Man Here**

Albert Swain, rodent control expert with the fish and wild life service, in Portland is spending two days in Astoria assisting Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, with the rat control program. Increased [illegible] have been coming in from home owners seeking advice or assistance with [illegible] about their [illegible]

**Rat Eradicator Here**

Albert Swayne, biologist with the rodent control office in Portland of the fish and wild life service, [illegible] today and today in Astoria [illegible] Reierson, county [illegible] poison bait [illegible]

**Health Directors Here**

Lucille Perozzi, [illegible] of public health [illegible] and Miss Forbes, representatives of the public health [illegible] Astoria today for a few days. Miss Forbes is managing a unit of the Pacific coast [illegible] health [illegible]

# Health Problems Stressed In Talk By Dr. Berg

Stating that in spite [illegible] fact we have come a great distance in the way of health since the last war, the present selective service law is giving ample proof of the fact that we still have much to do, Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician, discussed with members of the Junior Woman's club at their meeting held Tuesday evening, the importance of forming and carrying on through the years a baby clinic or pre-eschool well-child conference, which is the new project undertaken by the club. Mrs. William Palmrose or Mrs. Leslie Dunton, who may be contacted for appointment for the conference, will act as chairmen of the committee in charge of arrangements for the conference. Mrs. C. D. Bronson was appointed chairman of the Red Cross unit, and Mrs. Maxine Niemi, chairman of the bridge group.

"The infant mortality rate is one-fifth of what is was 40 years ago," Dr. Berg stated. "Oregon has one of the lowest infant death rates in the country, but," Dr. Berg said, "there is still room for improvement, and many deaths are due to conditions which could be corrected, which is the aim behind all public health work."

Dr. Berg, who spoke informally, outlined the duties of the well-child conference, which includes the checking of the child's weight, age, height, birth weight, whether the child is developing normally, checking of its feeding, the discussion of habit formation, and the pointing out to parents of defects which need attention.

Following the business session refreshments were served by Mrs. Leslie Dunton and Mrs. Chalmer Walker.

## 399 Children OK Check Shows

[illegible] Special [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] children [illegible] show [illegible] the 399 [illegible] [illegible] weight [illegible]

## Junior Women Plan Clinic At Seaside

SEASIDE—Special—Dr. E. E. Berg [illegible] physician [illegible] be undertaken by the club.

Mrs. Leslie Dunton will [illegible] charge of [illegible] Dr. [illegible] formally [illegible] the checking of the child's weight, age, height, birth weight, whether the child is developing normally, checking his feeding and pointing out to parents defects which need attention. Mrs. William Palmrose or Mrs. Dunton may be contacted for appointments.

Mrs. Palmrose presided at a short business meeting. Mrs. C. D. Bronson was appointed chairman of the Red Cross unit and Mrs. Maxine Niemi, chairman of the bridge group.

Refreshments were served following the program with Mrs. Henry Desler and Mrs. Max Schaf [illegible] chairman of the Wo[illegible]

## 26 Examined At Child Clinic

At the well-baby [illegible] clinic held at the [illegible] Mrs. Carl Ande[illegible] [illegible] of the P-TA, re[illegible] twenty-six children [illegible] registered and examined. The committee in charge wishes to announce that there will be another [illegible] in January, the date to be [illegible]

[illegible]—Special— [illegible] Mrs. C. A. Norbeck moved [illegible] to Castle, Calif., to [illegible] home. Norbeck has em[illegible]

[illegible] friends in Albany.

The IOOF lodge No. 21 will hold a regular meeting [illegible]

**Officials Here**

Dr. E. C. Drescher, Portland, [illegible] venereal disease control for the state board of health, is in Astoria today holding a meeting with the Clatsop county health department on venereal disease con-

## Berg Stresses Balanced Menu

A balanced food [illegible] in Astoria's home [illegible] would have resulted in [illegible] reduction in the number of men found unfit for military duty [illegible] declared Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, Thursday noon during the course of an address before the Astoria Kiwanis clubbers.

City and school board officials were given encouragement by Dr. Berg in their program of assisting in providing healthful lunches at the schools and urged to give even more attention to the subject.

A word of caution was given by the speaker about the use of concentrated vitamins in everyday health eating programs, with the suggestion that the advice of a physician be secured before any vitamin pills are taken regularly. As good as the vitamin idea is generally, said Dr. Berg, there is a certain amount of commercialism connected with the distribution of the pills that could well be eliminated from a health standpoint.

## New Disease Control Told

The continuing fight against syphilis and gonorrhea forces public health officials to evolve new methods in their treatment of those ancient curses, according to Dr. E. C. Drescher, director of venereal disease control for the state board of health. Dr. Drescher conducted a meeting Friday with the Clatsop county public health department.

**Hunt Intermediaries**

Dr. Drescher stated that, while the campaign against prostitutes and street-walkers continues unabated, more attention is being paid to possible intermediaries between prostitute and customer, such as rooming house owners, taxi drivers, or tavern keepers. In many cases the infected prostitute cannot be located, but the intermediaries that directed the sailor, soldier, or civilian to her may be found and pressure brought to bear to have them stop such practices.

It is difficult to tell whether there have been any abnormal increases in incidence of venereal disease, Dr. Drescher [illegible] because army physical examination reveals numerous latent [illegible] where the man may have contracted the disease years before. There is no way by which civilians [illegible] in an infectious stage may be forced to take the remedial treatment, but experiments are being conducted in the south at putting such men in army work camps, where they will be forced to take treatment. The army does not take for active duty men who have venereal disease, because they are apt to "crack" under the strain of combat duty.

## County Leading Mumps Parade

[illegible] not only topped most [illegible] 36 counties in the scrap rubber and metal collection campaigns; is the leading county of the state in concentration of diverse defense activities; has one of the most efficient civilian defense and rationing organizations; grows more timber and produces more fish. But for the last two weeks the county has attained leadership in still another field:

Mumps!

The state board of health's weekly report for the period ending November 21 showed this county tenaciously slinging to its mumps leadership, with 17 cases reported compared to eight in Multnomah county, Clatsop's nearest competitor. There were two cases of chicken pox, but that was hardly in the running with Jackson and Josephine, which had 13 and 12 respectively.

However in fairness it should be observed that what this county boasts in quantity of mumps it lacks in quality, the cases thus far reported being mostly of poor mumps variety and the attacks very mild.

## Puppet Show

The dental puppet show sponsored by the state board of health will be shown to Clatsop county schools November 30, December 1, the county health department has announced. About ten puppets go through their performances, which are intended to help educate children in dental health. The show will be presented at the Captain Robert Gray school, Star of the Sea school and Lewis and Clark Consolidated November 30 and at Hammond, Warrenton and Sea[illegible]

**Kiwanis Speaker**

Dr. E. E. Berg will be the speaker at Thursday noon's luncheon session of the Astoria Kiwanis club. His subject will be "Nutrition for Health in War Defense."

**To Portland**

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, was in Portland today on [illegible] ness.

**Attends Meeting**

Miss Shirley Vergeer, senior nurse with the county health department, is in Portland attending a nurse's association meeting.

**Health Officers Here**

Miss Lucile Perozzi, director of the division of public health nursing, and Miss Harriet Brenenstall, communicable disease consultant with the state board of health, are in Astoria today holding a meeting with members of the county health department on tuberculosis and venereal disease control.

## Sanitary Slip Ups Charged

Sharp criticism of sanitary conditions in eating and drinking places in Astoria was voiced today by C. E. Hutchins, district representative of the department of agriculture, and Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. Out of 36 places serving food or drink checked in a survey just completed, only [illegible] were found to be complying with health regulations, while nine were on the borderline, and 22 were far below health standards.

**Beer Glasses**

Especial criticism was directed against dirty beer glasses in some establishments. "All the health precautions taken to insure clean, safe food and drink are nullified if those foods and drinks are served in unsanitary dishes and glasses," Reierson stated.

A number of cases of trench mouth or Vincent's angina have been reported recently. Trench mouth, a very contagious disease of the gums, is usually picked up through contact of the lips or mouth with unsanitary glasses or food utensils. Unsanitary conditions in drink or food serving establishments make the spread of trench mouth easy.

**Ask Public Help**

Hutchens and Reierson asked that the public show its cooperation with health authorities by refusing to accept dirty glasses and dishes when patronizing eating and drinking places. "We won't let up for one minute in our drive for sanitation in local eating and drinking places," they said in their report. "Military personnel and civilians must be given every protection against any and all diseases."

It is reported that following the investigation many of the offending establishments took measures to comply with sanitary requirements.

## MEETING OF PTA SET FOR THURSDAY

The December meeting of the high school Parent-Teacher association will be held Thursday afternoon, December 10, at 3:30 o'clock in room 15 of the Central school, according to Mrs. M. O. Swensen, president of the organization. Talks pertaining to the "Health and Nutrition" program will be given at this meet[illegible] Dr. E. E. Berg, county

## CLUB TO HOLD WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The next well-child conference, under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's club, will be held December 15 at 1:30 o'clock at the club house of the Seaside Woman's club, with Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician, and Miss Ethel Gunderson, county nurse, in charge.

Appointment for consultation and examination of children may be made by calling Mrs. Leslie Dunton, Mrs. Henry Desler or Mrs. Chalmer Walker, members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the conference.

## Water For Fire Fighting Should Be Kept On Hand

Families should keep at least ten gallons of water in covered containers for fire-fighting purposes in case air raid dangers should develop, Vern Reierson, county sanitarian, advised today.

**Drinking Water**

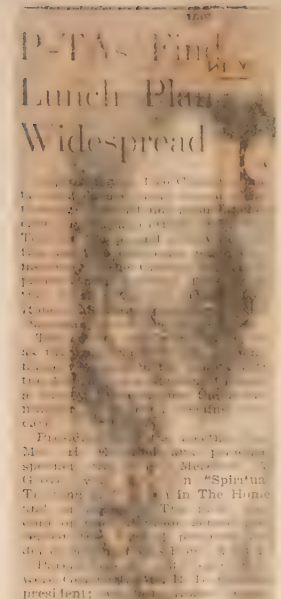
Reierson listed a number of other precautions to be followed to maintain adequate water supply during possible emergencies. He suggested that each family keep at least one quart of drinking water in covered containers for each person in the house. Receptacles should not be filled with water after sounding of an air raid alarm, and valves should be left alone. Trained men will shut off all necessary valves. Water faucets should be turned off if the service fails.

Failure of water [illegible] reported by the [illegible] so householders should [illegible] phone. Drinking and cooking water should be boiled for five minutes during the first 24 hours after service is restored, and for a longer period if advised by health authorities. Chemicals [illegible] in drinking water should [illegible] sign of safety. Water should not be drunk from [illegible] other than ones tap or [illegible] operated by authorities.

**Warns of Rumors**

Reierson also warned against rumors concerning water, and stated that health and water department authorities will keep people informed of the facts.

# P-TAs Find Lunch Plans Widespread



# Healthy Eating Talked Here

# Food, Drink Houses Here Cleaning Up

# 1942 Disease Rate Goes Up

# War Bringing T. B. Increase

The war, already has brought a slight increase in tuberculosis, Miss Harriet Brenenstall, communicable disease consultant with the state board of health, told the county health staff in a conference she had with them on tuberculosis and ve

in Eastern [illegible] group has increased greatly since the start of the war, the result of bombings and inadequate nutrition, she said.

Fewer women contract [illegible] than men, but the death rate is higher among women, especially among those of the child-bearing age, Miss Brenenstall said. She emphasized that all pregnant women should have their lungs X-rayed, to detect possible signs of tuberculosis [illegible] obtained a good start.

She also said that the National tuberculosis association urges tu[illegible] sis [illegible] during student [illegible] and [illegible] to do [illegible] duty [illegible]

# Sanitarian Hits Garbage Dumping

# Office Schedules Baby Clinics

# No Baby-Kissing For Dr. Berg

# School Slates Nutrition Course

# Baby Clinic Set Thursday

CHILD CONFERENCE SET DECEMBER 15

SEASIDE. (Special)—[illegible] well-child conference which is sponsored by the Junior Women's club will be held on December 15 at 1:30 o'clock at the Woman's club house with Dr. E. E. Berg, county health physician, and Miss Ethel Gunderson, county nurse, in charge.

Appointments for consultation may be made by calling Mrs. Leslie Dunton, Mrs. Henry Desler or Mrs. Chalmer Walker, members of the committee in charge.

Anyone who has graduated from an accredited college or university may join the club as an active member and credits for two years attendance at an accredited institution of higher education are the qualifications for an associate member.

SEVERAL VISIT AT PORTLAND

Miss Shirley Vergeer, Miss Ethel Gunderson and Mrs. Ruth Moody of the county health department all are spending a few days in Portland visiting friends.

REIERSONS SPEND HOLIDAY AT PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Reierson are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland as guests of relatives. To return Mr. [illegible]

# Berg Cracks Smugness In Health Ideas

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop county health physician, in an appearance before the Astoria Rotary club Wednesday noon, sharply criticized the "smug complacance" of the general public in allowing continued "physical defectiveness of ill-health in school children and college students," and insisted the time is here to end "surveys" and "studies" of health conditions, unless something is done about conditions already known.

Dr. Berg said the war has produced valuable information about the extent of physical and mental defects in the nation, but that much of the sad news could have been predicted by competent physicians 20 years ago. "For instance, we have known," he said, "that less than 25 percent of people receive dental care during an average year and that 70 to 80 percent of school children have various dental defects. All kinds of surveys have been made in the past and defects have been brought to the attention of parents and educators alike. Still relatively little has been done about it. We need a war to awaken us to our neglect and shortcomings."

**Only Part Told**

Dr. Berg said the present emphasis on "physical toughening" through widespread physical educational programs tells only part of the story and in some ways amounts to putting the cart before the horse. "Physical education programs under the guise of health, have been substituted for health programs," he said. "Health and physical fitness means more than a program of games and recreation. We have no fight with physical education.

"We must understand, however, that to be physically fit from a medical standpoint is to be free from major physical and mental defects and to have the ability to develop strength and endurance; whereas physical fitness from the physical education standpoint means to possess strength, organic vigor and endurance.

**Sound Men**

[illegible] sound men. [illegible] them. There [illegible] to [illegible] defects, [illegible] amount of [illegible] gymnastics or gym [illegible] put a tooth, correct a [illegible] improve a rheumatic [illegible] alter the effects of malnutrition. And please remember, there have been no rejections to date for soft muscles."

Dr. Berg lashed hard at the attitudes of some persons, who place every material consideration above health, then are surprised when [illegible] of the first 2,000,000 selective service draftees are rejected as physically unfit. To illustrate his point, he cited his experience in [illegible], Oregon county, where the [illegible] quickly appropriated [illegible] road grader wrecked by [illegible] operator, but "cried like [illegible] when they were asked for [illegible] to create a health department [illegible] 70,000 people."

**Objectives Listed**

The county physician listed three [illegible] objectives for improvement [illegible] public health [illegible] the defects, take them seriously, [illegible] them as they are detected; [illegible] on nutrition, important [illegible] of defects, [illegible] physically they properly be [illegible] a moral objective in itself [illegible] lifts make it one [illegible] standing ourselves into thinking something [illegible] Dick" Berg was honored [illegible] Rotary Club, who became [illegible] in April 20 years ago, [illegible] last meeting Wednesday [illegible] to embark on a trip [illegible] month's blowing him to [illegible] to train for an [illegible]

# Inspection Of Water Supply Only Safe Test

The division of sanitation of the county health department receives numerous requests regularly from private individuals stating that their water supplies are not safe for drinking purposes, according to Verne Reierson, county sanitarian.

It is regrettable, Reierson said that unless certain information, which can be obtained only by an actual inspection or survey of the premises, be provided, the correct answers to all such questions cannot be supplied. The complete story is not told by one bacteriological analysis, or even by many such analyses of water samples. To properly interpret the significance of these tests, the public health authority must know something about the source of supply, its location and its method of development.

Each water supply regardless of its size must be carefully operated and maintained so that unnecessary contamination will not occur. It is suggested that persons living in rural areas having questions pertaining to their water supply consult the county health department.

# Penny Milk Plan Studied

Stanley Spero, representative in Portland of the agricultural marketing administration in the agriculture department, was in Astoria today conferring with County Superintendent Anne Lewis and other school officials about the "penny milk" plan for school children. A meeting was held this afternoon in the public library to discuss the proposed arrangement.

Under the plan children would pay a penny for each half-pint of milk sold to them at school. The rest of the milk purchase price would be furnished by the AMA and by the sponsoring group, which could be the school board, school district or any other agency, public or private, not bound by legal or other restrictions.

**Rat Bait Set**

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, reports that he is getting four or five calls a week from householders who want his assistance in setting bait to rid their houses of rats. With the arrival of cold weather, rats started showing a tendency to seek shelter in houses.

# Wave Of Mumps Shows Decline

The current wave of mumps continued to decline in the county the report from the Oregon state board of health for the week ending January 23 showed today. Only four cases were reported to physicians this week. Other diseases listed were 2 cases of measles, and one each of smallpox, meningitis and erysipelas.

According to Dr. E. E. Berg, county health doctor, the county was "ripe" for an epidemic of mumps for there have been few cases here for a number of years. There is no vaccine for mumps and the disease is highly contagious, he said. Control is made difficult by the fact that many cases are not severe enough to be correctly diagnosed and the patients are not quarantined.

A few cases of chicken pox have also been reported within the last few days. There is little danger of a small pox epidemic in the county in spite of the one case reported here, for 85 per cent of the school children have been vaccinated according to Dr. Berg.

# Baby Clinic Next Tuesday

[illegible]NTON, (Special) — The [illegible]ll sponsor another well-[illegible]d pre-school clinic at the [illegible] Tuesday afternoon, January 12 at 1:30 o'clock. Dr. E. E. Berg, county health officer, will be in attendance. All mothers are asked to bring their children for the clinic.

**Rat Problem**

Roy Fugate, of the federal biological survey, was a business visitor at the court house today, talking over progress on the rat control problem here. He conferred with County Sanitarian Verne Reierson and with County Judge Guy Boyington.

# 85 Per Cent Of Children Protected From Diseases

Since the start in 1937-38 of the immunization and vaccination program by the county health department, the number of children in the county's elementary schools who have been protected against these diseases has increased from under [illegible] cent to around 85 per cent, according to a report compiled by [illegible] county health officer.

**Steady Report**

The report shows that for the county as a whole 81.8 per cent of the elementary school children have been immunized against diphtheria between January 1, 1942, and the end of December 1, 1942, and that 83.8 per cent vaccinated against small pox. All the children in the Brown-Mead, Foothill, Clifton and Warrenton schools have been protected from both diseases. All the children in the Battle Creek, Mount View and Olney schools have been immunized against diphtheria and vaccinated against small pox.

In the Astoria elementary schools [illegible] per cent have been immunized against diphtheria and 82 per cent vaccinated against small pox. The immunized against diphtheria [illegible] percentage for the four schools listing small pox vaccination first, are: John Jacob Astor, 81.7, 81.7; Captain Robert Gray, 85, 84.6; Lewis and Clark, 85.1, 86; Star of the Sea 91.4, 92.3.

**First Graders**

The program attempts to reach children in the first grade, with the result that in Astoria 88.3 per cent of all first graders have been protected against diptheria and 86.6 from small pox. In the county outside Astoria the figures are 78.2 and 78.6

In 1938, when the program first began, only 26 per cent of first graders and 48 per cent of all elementary school children were immunized from the two diseases. By the end of 1939 the percentage had gone up to 66. Dr. Berg pointed out that more and more mothers are having their children immunized or vaccinated before entering the school, a premium which [illegible] by the county board [illegible] one year.

# Star Of Sea 4-H Healthy

The Star of the Sea 4-H club, with 28 members under the leadership of Lorraine Filliger, was selected first among Clatsop county's 13 health clubs for having made the most health improvement during the last six months. Dr. E. E. Berg county health physician and his staff conducted the examinations and made the selection.

The winning health club has been awarded two scholarships to the 4-H summer school by the Clatsop County Health association and delegates will be selected from members of the club.

**Wauna Second**

The health club with 20 members at Wauna under leadership of Mrs. Maude Allen Shaw was judged second. They have been awarded a scholarship by the Elliott hotel. The Westport health club with 35 members led by Homer Earl was third and won a scholarship from the Astoria business college. Mrs. Marguerite LeMond's club with seven members at Walluski was fourth and will receive a scholarship from the Nyquist motor company.

The health clubs were examined last fall and given a score by Dr. Berg. They were examined again during the last few days and the winners were selected on the basis of the most improvement.

**Outstanding Youths**

The health officials also selected the outstanding individuals in each of the clubs. At Knappa, Sara Hagquist and James Staggs, first; Doris Metson, Eva Paronen, Lois Frost, Don Abrahams and Eldred Bagley, alternates. Westport, Gladys Ongstad and Roger Strother first; Edwina Antonsen, Harriet Maling and Eddie Price alternates. Wauna [illegible] Glenn and Jack Peterson, first; Marjorie Nunn, Nan Matheny, Jesse Lindson, alternates. Fernhill, Dorothy Sigfridson and Vivian Lahti, first; Clarence Parker and Corinne Cassil alternates. Star of the Sea Josephine Luke and John Fairbanks, first, Patsy Gorman and Arthur Filliger alternates. Seaside, Betty Weathers first and Gloria McCauley and Mary Hill, alternates. Olney, Ralph McKnight, first, Paul Nesson, alternate Walluski, Janet Howell, first. Mountain View, Inga Rasmussen first.

Those selected first in their respective clubs will compete in the county contest for outstanding individual during the county fair, August 27, 28 and 29. The boy and girl selected best in the county will be sent to the state fair at Salem, in September.

Two hundred and seventy five boys and girls participate in the health project this year.

## First Things First

Dr. E. E. Berg, Clatsop's county health physician, made some very pointed and pertinent remarks this week in his discussion of the nation's health. He was talking about a subject that is more fundamental in the general welfare of this country than any other circumstance of war or peace.

In discussing the rejects among the first two million selectees for the army, Dr. Berg said that although those turned down proved to be almost 50 per cent of the total, there remain reasons to believe that the general health level of the people has improved since the last war. In a breakdown of the rejects it was found that 41.36 per cent were under 25 years of age, 61.09 were between 31 and 35 and the percentage up to 44 was much higher yet.

However, offsetting the fact that the rejection rate in this war has been greater than in 1917-18 are certain reasons for greater numbers of rejects. Today there are more rigid and thorough physical examinations; standards of acceptance are higher to meet the rigors of modern warfare; up to July 1, 1941 the age group of those examined included older men than those examined in 1917 and more disability could be expected in the older age group. Other factors explaining higher rejection rates include greater use of X-ray, with which early and inactive tuberculosis is being discovered; rejection of both psychiatric and potentially such; refusal to accept any venereal disease afflicted applicants.

Among other facts of health disclosed in the selective service examinations are a decline in venereal disease, improvement in average stature and weight, indicating better nutrition; disappearance of rickets as a cause for musculoskeletal defects and increase of the life span 15 and 16 years since 1900.

However all such improvements, in the light of persistent appearance of remedial physical defects, reveal a terrible lack of attention to public health. And, as Dr. Berg insists, this lack of attention has not been for reason of ignorance as to the presence of the defects, for they were known before the last war and have been known generally since. The presence in the population of ridiculous quantities of dental defects and defective eyes, of such difficulties as hernia and bad arches or feet and of musculoskeletal deformities, is a tragic indictment not only of those possessing the defects, but more particularly those persons in most general of children; because repeated "studies" and "surveys" have shown, beyond question or doubt, that such conditions are found and cry for remedy.

The war has brought forth the cry against a "soft people." There is an avalanche of blather about building a strong race, disciplined and hardened by the tooth and the rough life. And many people, who bawl the loudest about the faults of the younger generation and their reluctance to knuckle down to the sweat and toil and physical hardships of their ancestors, ignore not only the fundamentals of their own basic health care but also the nutrition, eyes, teeth, nervous tendancies and general health of their children. Then when a war comes along they moan and groan about the deplorable health levels of the generation called to war.

Nor may the argument of expediency be applied with any great validity. This war has proven that the overwhelming majority of defects found in young men have been long-present and easily and cheaply remedial years ago. No one may blame the medical or dental professions for this condition, nor may they blame public health authorities, who have butted up against public apathy and indifference from time immemorial. Nor can one blame the schools, entirely, for not devising a basic health protection program revolving around fundamental health practices, for two primary reasons: first, the schools are inherently products of the people who support them, by one way or another, well or poorly; second, education in health or anything else is almost entirely lost without assistance and follow-through in the home.

The blame lies with the American people themselves, who with all their qualities, have always been reluctant to put first things first. Thus it has been that the American people have shown their heels to the whole world in material progress, reflected in a hundred ways. They have scrambled mightily to hold the rate of social progress high. They have and are boasting about the magnificent ability of the nation and people, to drop the frauds of peace and convert to the realties of war, and to overtake the world in production of arms and equipped, trained and supplied men. But they find once again, as they did in 1917-18, that the country is still in relatively poor health compared to the health potential of a higher population.

And after all ramifications of this weakness are explored, one must again return to the fundamental obligation of any adult to a child involves his children and is secondary consideration. A man and woman may be unable to produce a brilliant child. They may be unable to produce a child of genius one. They may fall short of providing adequate educational opportunities for their children to take a high place in business or they may be unable to shield him from certain moral or economic pitfalls. They may not be able to do many things. But in this day and age there is small reason why any honest, reasonably attentive and interested parent can't raise a boy or girl reasonably free from remedial physical defects. Unwillingness to do this exposes the people of this country to the most serious of all charges of weakness.

**Executive Meeting**

K. Spies, state sanitary engineer, and Harold Olson, sanitary engineer from Multnomah county, are in the city today for an executive meeting with Verne Relerson. The three are making plans for the annual conference of sanitary engineers to be held in May.

**Smallpox Case**

One case of smallpox was reported to the county health office from the Gearhart high school this week and Dr. E. E. Berg vaccinated all children in the Seaside and Gearhart high schools as a preventive measure.

# Berg Resigns As County Physician

The resignation of [illegible] E. E. Berg, county health [illegible] July, 1937, was accepted today by the county court and will become effective March 1. Dr. Berg plans to enter private practice in the city.

In [illegible] the office [illegible] health progra[illegible] and Clatsop [illegible] of the record [illegible] marked up in [illegible] since that time. County [illegible] Boyington declared in accepting the resignation.

"We've never had a single complaint from the public in regard to the health department, and the court certainly appreciates the cooperation it has received from Dr Berg," the judge said.

**Office Grows**

Dr. Berg came to Astoria from Salem, where he had been with the Marion county health office for a year. He has, in his own words, watched the office here develop from "one table and two chairs" to the efficient set-up now operating in the Flavel building.

"My relations with county officials have always been of the best," the doctor declared, "and I can frankly say that I have enjoyed my work here a great deal. The change is just a matter of looking into the future."

The appointment of a new health physician will await recommendations from the Oregon state board of health, Boyington said

# Berg Regime Health Setup Is Reviewed

The development of an adequate health program for Clatsop county was the task facing Dr. E. E. Berg when he came to Astoria over five years ago to take the position as county health physician. Thursday he resigned to enter private practice.

Following the time-proven method of starting at the source, the county doctor first held infant and preschool clinics in various parts of the county as his opening wedge. Here he was able to get on the trail of the health situation and needs. These child clinics have been continued on a semi-monthly basis, especially in areas where the services of physicians are not readily available.

**Defects Discovered**

Together with the pre-school age care, a regular system of health examinations in the city and county schools has been carried on for first graders and periodically children in the upper grades to discover defects and call them to the attention of the parents. Regular dental examinations have been carried on with the cooperation of the dentists. Emphasis in all of these examinations has been placed on follow-up—seeing that the defects are corrected.

Two definite situations which needed cleaning up were soon discovered by Dr. Berg and his staff of nurses. First was the high prevalence of tuberculosis. During his first year with the health office, 13 active cases were discovered among students of junior and senior high school age. Of these four died within a year. Since that time only one active case has been discovered.

**Disease Checked**

[illegible] been checked by [illegible] and the [illegible] treatment of those [illegible] were referred that the [illegible] in certain parts [illegible] where one positive [illegible] was found. Whenever a [illegible] found all of that [illegible] contacts are also [illegible] examined at the disease [illegible] level.

[illegible] needing at [illegible] only about 50 per cent of the children in county schools were immunized against diphteria and smallpox. The records now show 85 per cent of the children so protected, enough to prevent outbreak of any major epidemic.

Education of the public in proper health care has been a principal project of the health office. "The public must be informed in order to make a health program like ours successful," Dr. Berg declares. The education work has been carried on by means of pamphlets, movies, talks to P-TA's and service clubs and over the radio.

Another feature of the work done by the office is in connection with venereal disease control. The state law provides that the county health office shall provide treatment without charge for infected persons who are unable to afford it themselves. Clinics are held periodically in the office here and on an average of from 800 to 900 treatments are given each year.

Still another service is that to crippled children. Through arrangement with the state crippled children's service, the children are brought to the health office for examination and if their parents are unable to afford proper treatment they are taken care of by the state. The county health office also has handled the distribution of milk to the school children for the Milk Fund association.

# E. E. Berg Joins Medical Firm

The medical firm of Straumfjord, Boyden & Boyden will become Straumfjord, Boyden and Berg after March 1 it was announced today. Dr. E. E. Berg who has submitted his resignation as county health physician will join Dr. Frank Boyden and Dr. J. V. Straumjord at that time.

Dr. Allen Boyden is now a captain in the army medical corps and is stationed in England.

# Rats Destroy Packing, Sugar

An example of the destructive power of rats on the Astoria waterfront recently was cited today by Verne Reierson, county sanitarian who has been conducting the campaign against rats locally. He stated that a horde of rats descended upon a local cannery and completely destroyed the packing around steam pipes during the course of one night. They also got into two boxes of fish labels, which they ruined.

An even worse loss was suffered by a local supply house, when rats destroyed several sacks of sugar. Because of rationing rules, the house was unable to get sugar to replace what was destroyed.

**Association Meets**

The Clatsop County Health association will meet tonight at [illegible] in the Flavel building. It will make plans for the annual dinner, to be [illegible] about the first of April, will [illegible] state officers for the new year, and consider the 1943 budget.

## CHILDREN CHECKED AT CHILD CLINIC

Twenty local children were examined by Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Ethel Gunderson Tuesday afternoon at the well-child conference held at the club house of the Seaside Woman's club, under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's club.

Mrs. Leslie Dunton, Mrs. Henry Desler and Mrs. Chalmer Walker are acting as the committee from the Junior Woman's club in charge of the arrangements for the clinic.

# Well-Baby Clinic Tuesday

BROWNSMEAD. (Special)—The regular bi-monthly well-baby clinic will be held in the schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon February 23 at 1:30 with Dr. E. E. Berg and Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., in charge. As usual, diptheria innoculations and small pox vaccinations will be available.

**Plan Clinic**

Alyce Bloom, nursing consultant with the crippled children's division of the state health office, is in Astoria today conferring with the county health nurses in regard to cases in this locality. She is also making preliminary plans for the orthopedic clinic held later in the spring.

**Health Man Here**

Dr. H. M. Erickson, assistant state health officer, will be in Astoria Friday on a routine visit. He will be conferring with county health physician, Dr. E. E. Berg.

**Handles Clinics**

Donald C. Prentiss, director of the X-ray laboratory at St. Mary's hospital, will take over the clinics at the county health office until a permanent officer is found, Dr. E. E. Berg, former county doctor, said today. Dr. Berg's resignation became effective today and he is now associated with Dr. J. V. Straumfjord and Dr. Frank Boyden.

# Reierson Assists In Rat Control

County Sanitarian Verne Reierson has returned to his office here after several days spent in Multnomah county observing and assisting in a rodent control and bubonic plague survey, sponsored by the Multnomah county health deparement, the state board of health and the federal fish and wildlife service. Especially under study were the new tactics of using cyanide for fumigation.

A similar survey is to be carried on in Clatsop county later in the spring when the mobile lab unit arrives. The unit is now in the southern part of the state test[illegible] oyster beds. When the unit arrives here the rodent survey and testing of razor clams will both be done, Reierson said.

# Chlorine Wash Foils Bacteria

Addition of chlorine to the water used in washing dairy cows' udders before milking has reduced the bacteria in the washing water enormously, has helped to control mastitis, and has aided in the production of clean milk, in controlled experiments conducted at Oregon State college and just reported on in circular of information No. 288 by H. P. Ewalt and J. H. Byers of the dairy staff

The chlorine is also added to the rinse water used on the teat cups before milking each cow. The number of bacteria in 390 samples of udder wash water was reduced an average of 93.8 per cent when chlorine was used. Still more important was the fact that the number of bacteria in the milk produced when chlorine was used in the wash water and in the teat cup rinse water was reduced 34.2 per cent. In both instances the milk was produced under grade A sanitary conditions.

The chlorine used at a strength of 250 parts per million was found satisfactory. Powdered chlorine compounds are available at dairy supply stores and carry directions for making various strengths of solution. About 15 cows can be washed with 2½ gallons before it becomes too weak, the tests showed

# *Court Names Health Man*

The application of Dr. Donald J. Bourg for the position of Clatsop county health officer has been received by the county court and the court has wired, accepting his application, Judge Guy Boyington announced today. Dr. Bourg will fill the place left by the resignation of Dr. E. E. Berg to enter private practice and if arrangements are completed, will begin work here on March 15.

Dr. Bourg is Benton county health officer at present and according to the letter of recommendation written by Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer, has done an excellent job in Wasco and Sherman counties before going to Corvallis.

To quote Dr. Stricker's letter, "he is an excellently trained physician with special work in pediatrics (children's diseases). He is seeking the job in your county in order to be more directly related to the war effort."

## TUBERCULIN TESTS TO BE GIVEN HERE

[illegible] month to [illegible] are d[illegible] [illegible]ce treatment. [illegible]ven di tribut[illegible] in all the roll rooms with the instructions that they may be submitted to the students' parents. If the parents wish to have their son or daughter take the test, they are requested to fill in the form, which must be presented to the administering physician at the time of the test. The test, however, is entirely optional. They are being given by the Clatsop county department of health.

The department of health is anxious to test all children in Clatsop county so that positive reactors may be examined further to rule out the presence of active disease.

## TUBERCULIN TESTS TO BE GIVEN HERE

Tuberculin tests will be given at the Central school next Tuesday, March 23, by the Clatsop County health department. It is urged that every student take this simple test, the first step to locate unsuspected cases of tuberculosis.

"We face the serious problems involved in the mass movement of people, inadequate housing, exposure to new groups of students and to war-time difficulties of securing and maintaining an adequate diet; all are allies of tuberculosis," a representative of the health department declared.

## Tuberculin Tests Are Scheduled

Tuberculin tests are to be given in the Central grade school at Seaside next Tuesday by nurses of the county health office.

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, who is in charge of the office until the arrival of Dr. Bourg about April 1, is hoping that all the students in the school there will take advantage of this opportunity for the simple test. The program has met with outstanding results in other communities in this county.

Catching tuberculosis in its early stages and its prevention are particularly important in these days of shifting populations, Reierson pointed out. The enrollment in the Seaside school has increased on the average of two pupils a day and there are now over 400 children

**Health Officers Here**

Three health officials, making a routine tour about the state, consulted today with members of the Clatsop county health department. They included Miss Lucile Perozzi, director of public health nursing; Mrs. Catherine Webster, field director for this district; and Miss Mary Forbes, regional director of the U. S. public health nursing division, western branch.

## Health Officer Arrives On Job

Dr. Donald J. Bourg, new Clatsop county health doctor, arrived today to take over the post left vacant a month ago when Dr. E. E Berg entered private practice.

Dr. Bourg comes here from Corvallis, where he served as health officer for Benton county for the last four months. Previously he had been at The Dalles for a year and a half. He received his medical training at the University of Michigan and is especially interested in work with children.

At the present time the Bourgs are living in Seaside until they can find a home in Astoria. He was not yet ready to announce his plans for health activities in the county, but was busy becoming acquainted with the office routine.

## Clinic Scheduled For Handicapped

A clinic for handicapped children is to be held Thursday April 8 at the Clatsop county health department in the Flavel building.

The clinic is being arranged by the Clatsop county health department and the public welfare commission. Any person under 21 years of age suffering from deformity of bones, joints or muscles may attend upon referral of his parents or private physician.

Attendance at the clinic is by application and appointment which may be secured from either the health department or the welfare commission.

Two orthopedic specialists from the University of Oregon medical school clinic will be in attendance, and women of the American Legion auxiliary will assist. Thirty-seven children have already signed up.

## 35 Children At Clinic Here

About 35 children were slated to attend the annual clinic for handicapped children, being held this forenoon and afternoon at the Flavel building. Present to conduct the clinic are Dr. Lewis D. Clark, director of the crippled children's division of the University of Oregon medical school, and Dr. Leo S. Lucas, orthopedic surgeon associated with the Shriners' hospital in Portland and head of the department of orthopedics at the University of Oregon medical school.

The clinic is held once a year in every county in the state for the purpose of locating, diagnosing and planning the treatment of crippled children. The work is done in cooperation with the local health department and the local welfare office. The clinic cooperates with local doctors, and sends recommendations back here on course of treatment. Arrangements are also made to help with the treatment when parents are unable to pay for the necessary treatment.

**Rat Control**

Albert Swain, rodent control expert with the fish and wild life service in Portland, will arrive here tonight and be here until Saturday to assist in rat control work. Persons who wish help getting rid of rats may phone Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, in the county health office.

## Mrs. Dunbar Speaker Here

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, Portland, head of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, was announced today as speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop County Health association. The dinner will be held May 6 at Trinity Lutheran church, with the church women serving.

New officers of the association will also be installed at the meeting, and a musical program will be arranged. This meeting will also give many members of the association a chance to meet for the first time Dr. Donald Bourg, new Clatsop county health officer. Reservations for the dinner may be obtained by phoning the county health office, 519.

**Official Here**

Roy A. Dodson, assistant state sanitary engineer, was here today making a routine check for oyster sanitation. He will also confer regarding other sanitary problems, such as sewage disposal and water system expansion.

**Examination Scheduled**

Examination of pre-school age children scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at the county health office in the Flavel building is only for children who will enter the Lewis and Clark school next fall for the first time, it was announced today at the office of Arle C. Hampton, superintendent of schools.

**Exams Held**

Dr. Donald Bourg, county health officer, has announced that the 4-H club exams will be held at the Fernhill school Monday. The monthly child health conference, for infant and pre-school age children, will be held at Seaside Tuesday.

## Rat Control Man Comes Soon

Albert Swain, senior biological aid in the U. S. fish and wild life service, will be in Clatsop county next Wednesday and Thursday for rat control work with the county division of sanitation, Verne Reierson, sanitarian, announced today.

Persons wanting assistance are asked to contact the county health department. No charge is made for such aid.

## Health Exam Set For Children

An examination of children to enter school next fall for the first time, is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at the county health office in the Flavel building. Arrangements for the examinations have been made by the Lewis and Clark school Parent Teachers association.

Children must be accompanied by parents or responsible adults, it was said today at the office of Arle C. Hampton, superintendent of schools. Hours for the examination are from 10 o'clock in the morning Monday until 4 in the afternoon and from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock in the afternoon Tuesday.

## Girl Scouts In Child Care Class

A group of about 30 intermediate Girl Scouts is being given training in child care by Mrs. Ruth Moody, county health nurse, to fit them to care for small children while mothers are working this summer.

The classes are held at the scout little house on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings.

So far the girls have studied about bathing and feeding a baby, and management problems with small children. Next they will receive instruction from Mrs. Afton Zundel on feeding the pre-school age child and from Mrs. J. C. Clark on toys and games. The girls are making scrapbooks and collecting toys to help them in their work.

## Bourg Leaves Health Job

Dr. Donald J. Bourg, county health officer, Thursday tendered his resignation, effective July 1, to the county health board. He plans to return to his home in Detroit, Mich., to await call to active duty with the U. S. public health service

Dr. Bourg assumed the duties of Clatsop county health officer on April 1 of this year. He said that he expects to be sent into health service duty with the coast guard

**Clinics Continue**

Regarding the "well child" clinics which have been started at Seaside, Wauna, Hammond, Warrenton, Brownsmead and Jewell, the health officer said, "We are going to try to arrange to continue them even though a full time health officer is not obtained immediately."

## Astor Health Exams June 2

Children who will enter John Jacob Astor school for the first time next fall will be given health examinations at the county health office, Flavel building on Wednesday, June 2. Hours are from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 12:30 on in the afternoon.

Parents in Alderbrook planning to bring their children for examination are asked to call Mrs. William F. McGregor, phone 480, and those in Uppertown, Mrs. Glen Burch, phone 640-J for appointments.

## Mrs. Dunbar Tells Of T. B. Control

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, prominent Portland clubwoman, presented the many new problems in public health administration to the 100 Astorians present Thursday evening at the annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop County Health association.

Mrs. Dunbar stressed the new problems and methods of handling tuberculosis control in the industrial areas that have had an influx of people, as well as the current difficulties arising from many women going into new and more strenuous types of work and the subsequent problem of care of children of workers.

The new mobile x-ray unit is doing fine work, she said, in the Portland area, making possible the mass examination and re-checking of workers.

Preceding the main speech of the evening Rev. J. W. Kempe was installed as president of the association and Miss Martha Shamberger, statistician for the state tuberculosis association, gave a report.

Music for the evening consisted of vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall and solos by Mrs. William Seeborg. Miss Ethel Wicks was the accompanist. Also presented were piano numbers by Miss Josephine Hill.

## Bourg Plans Few Health Changes

Completing his first two weeks in Clatsop county, County Health Officer Dr. Donald Bourg stated that he had found the health service well organized here. He said there were no major changes planned in the health department and that the policy would be, as in the past, to adjust the health program to needs as they arise.

He stated that health examinations would be made at Svensen Thursday, and that during next week examinations would be made of 4-H club members enrolled in health projects. A children's health conference was held at Hammond Tuesday.

## Health Exam

Pre-school children of Captain Robert Gray district will receive their physical check-ups Monday, June 14 at the county health office in the Flavel building. Hours will be from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

Mothers are asked to call Mrs. Wayne Oja, 2308-J, or Mrs. O Juniper, 958-J for appointments.

# P-T.A. Hears Reierson Talk

SEASIDE. (Special)- Verne Reierson, of the county health office, spoke on the subject of sanitation, at the meeing of the Parent-Teacher association of the high school, held Thursday evening at the Community Methodist church.

New officers of the organiatioo were elected for the coming year. The new president will be elected at the next meeting. Mrs. David Wheeless was elected vice president; Mrs. James Forsythe, secretary, and Mrs. Roy Carnes, treasurer.

A rummage sale is planned for the first week after Easter, with Mrs. A. Kuntz serving as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Albert Johnson was in charge of refreshments which were served following the program and business meeting.

Mrs. Ann Anderson, P-TA health chairman, reports that eight children were in attendance at the well baby clinic at the Town Hall Tuesday. Dr. Bourg was in charge. He was assisted by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Moody.

**Bourg Leaves** 6-16-43

Dr. Donald Bourg, county health officer, left his office in the Flavel building today. He will leave Astoria Saturday and plans to stop at his home in Detroit, Mich., before going into active duty in the public health service.

# County Budget Set At $189,289; Levy Lowest In Years

The budget accepted for Clatsop county, 1943-44 sets the lowest net figure for tax levies since the present court entered office. In fact the $189,289 net levy is $261,711 lower than in 1928, the year preceding installation of present officials, it became evident as the six-man budget completed deliberations Thursday afternoon.

A taxpayers meeting has been set for July 14 at 2 p.m. in the county court room.

"In preparing the budget and levy for next year, it has been our idea," said Guy Boyington, county judge, "that local taxes—real estate taxes—should be kept as low as possible in order to give the taxpayers a chance to meet the new federal taxes which will be greatly increased to pay for the war."

**Road Fund Cut**

The largest net cut in any single item is found in the marget road fund for which only $7000 was budgeted for 1943-44. This decrease of $8000 from last year was possible because of $11,500 on hand. The amount alloted for maintenance and improvements on the road is $18,500, the same as last year.

**Budget Itemized**

A breakdown of the budget shows the following departmental allowance: elections, $4550; county court, $10,809; county clerk, $13,500; sheriff and jail, $26,758; assessor, $10,300; school superintendent, $4950; surveyor, $935; treasurer, $2830; justice of the peace (Astoria district), $4765; justice of the peace (Seaside district), $135; justice of $140. Justices in Seaside and Warrenton districts retain fees paid in lieu of salaries.

And: district attorney, $2140; health department, $21,340; circuit court, $8350; coroner, $565; court house and jail, $5910; relief for dependents, $50,650; county farm and home, $13,700; health and relief building, $3,180; probate court, juvenile court, mentally diseased, $4320; current expenses, $89,804; market road fund, $7000; general road fund, $15,000; indigent soldiers and sailors, $1800; library fund, $556, and county school fund, $55,650.

The court estimates in the 1943-44 budget that it will receive $17,000 this year from property sales and interest, as against $9000 received last year.

# Health Officers Warn Against Garbage Dumping

Criticism of indiscriminate dumping of garbage about the county roads was voiced this week by Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, who pointed out that large rubbish and garbage piles have accumulated in and around Seaside. All types of garbage litter the county roads, with the most scenic drives and areas found to be the dumping centers. It is urged that people of Seaside, and especially newcomers, have their garbage picked up by the sanitary service. "If you can not afford the small fee charged for routine garbage collection, or if none is available, destroy it by burning all the inflammable materials and burying the rest," Reierson advised.

It is hoped that this practice can be stopped without any drastic action, however, if necessary we will carry on a strict law enforcement. Everyone is urged to cooperate in this matter, especially since garbage piles furnish harborage for rats and flies as well as being unsightly.

# Reierson Urges Caution In Home Canning Program

Greater caution in home canning of foods is urged this year by Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. Botulism poisoning from underprocessed canned foods, is a special danger to persons not acquainted with the proper safe methods of processing foods.

"War conditions will serve as a stimulus to preserve more food and with equipment shortages and every housewife bent on filling the cellar shelves, the danger becomes greater," Reierson said.

Botulinum in food is due to toxin formed by the growth of the botulinum micro-organisms in underprocessed canned foods. It may be prevented if sufficient care is given to home canning.

Home canning by the cold pack method is extremely dangerous, the sanitarian stressed, because botulinum spores are able to resist heat. Since the cold pack method of canning is widely used in the U. S. he expressed hope that advice constantly given by schools, press, and radio would be heeded by those using that method. As one source of information he suggested bulletin No. 1762 on home canning of fruits, vegetables and meats which may be procured at the county agricultural agent's office in the federal building.

**No Commercial Spreads**

"No outbreak of botulism has been reported from commercially canned goods packed in the United States since 1925," Reierson said. "Unfortunately, the record from home canning is not as good. The Pacific coast states lead the nation in outbreaks occurring during the past 40 years, California ranking first, Washington second and Oregon fourth."

The majority of cases were due to home-canned string beans, asparagus, corn, spinach, chard, apricots, and pears. Some home-canned meats and fish can be just as subject to this poison if not given correct processing. The more familiar products in this category are: ham sausage, beef, tuna, salmon, and clams.

It is important that fresh and firm fruits and vegetables be thoroughly washed and cleaned and canned as soon as possible after picking or gathering, Reierson said. Non-acid foods such as vegetables, meats, poultry, or fish should be processed in a pressure cooker for a definite period of time, with an accurate gauge or thermometer. But, if canning is done by any other method, the food should be reboiled for fifteen minutes before tasting or eating, counting from time boiling begins.

Infected canned foods can be detected usually by gassy bubbles, sharp tastes, or by disagreeable odor. However, evidence of spoilage is not always observed in outbreaks of food poisoning.

"Never eat food that is obviously spoiled," urged Reierson, "and always remember a canned food having a disagreeable odor or showing gas pressure should never be tasted.

# Paralysis Drive Results Revealed

Results of February's infantile paralysis fund drive in Clatsop county were announced today by Verne Stratton, chairman, as exceptionally good and just about double any amount raised formerly in the county.

The drive, held in conjunction with the annual president's birthday party, netted $2,085.65. Half of the amount raised in Clatsop county remains in the county's fund to be used at the discretion of the county chapter which works with the advice of the county health nurse, Mrs. Rose Reith.

A breakdown of drive statistics shows that $804.10 of the money collected came from dime banks and donations in banks, business concerns, and union offices; $656.14 came from theaters throughout the county; $761.28 came from the mailing of birthday greeting cards to outlying communities and isolated residences. Total expenses of the drive were $135.87, Stratton said.

The half of the collection not remaining in the county will go to the national organization. It will be used there, as will the county fund, to provide medical aid, and equipment for people afflicted with infantile paralysis.

# Federal Doctor May Come Here

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, assistant state health officer, visited the Clatsop county health office this week, and conferred with county officials relative to filling the position of county health officer left vacant when Dr. Donald J. Bourg resigned to enter the U. S. public health service.

It is understood that state health officials have requested placement of a U. S. public health officer in the Clatsop county health post for the duration.

Meanwhile, county officials report, Dr. Donald C. Prentiss, resident physician at St. Mary's hospital is filling the position.

# Health Dinner Music Announced

The musical program was announced today for the annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop County Health association, which will be held Thursday at 6:30 p. m. in the Trinity Lutheran church. Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, former national president of the Federation of Womens' clubs and now director of the Oregon state tuberculosis association, will be the speaker.

On the program will be a piano number by Miss Josephine Hill, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall, and a vocal solo by Mrs. William Seeborg. Reservations for the dinner may be obtained by phoning 519.

Reservations for the dinner, which is given to acquaint the general public with the work of the health association, must be made before 11 a.m. Wednesday.

# War Time Dental Troubles Told, Public Gets Advice

By FLOYD H. DeCAMPS, DDS
Consultant in Oral Health, Oregon State Board of Health

During the past year and at present, obtaining an appointment with the family dentist is a very difficult problem. It is helpful to give careful consideration to the facts which brought this situation about, for such an understanding by the public may do much to alleviate the critical shortage of dental service and assure better utilization of dentists' available time. In addition, it may be shown that an attitude of teamwork on the part of the dentist and patient may solve some of these problems.

**What Causes Shortage?**

1. Figures released by the Oregon State Dental association as of June 1 show that 185 Oregon dentists are now in the armed forces and more are being commissioned and called by the surgeon general's office.

2. Conservative estimates indicate a population increase of approximately 75,000 in the state during the past two years.

3. Increased income make it possible for more persons to purchase dental service. During depression years there was an accumulation of required dental service, and with better times these persons are now having necessary work completed.

**Rejections High**

4. A large number of young men and women who have been rejected for army service because of defective teeth are having corrective dental service done in order to comply with army dental requirements.

5. High school juniors and seniors who belong to the victory corps in the state have had dental examinations and are now having dental corrections completed.

6. Public educational programs conducted in schools and communities by the dental divisions of the Portland public school system and by the oral health program of the Oregon state board of health are familiarizing the public with the need for and importance of regular visits to the family dentist for periodical dental care.

**Some Confusion**

These reasons and others contribute to the growing shortage of dental service available, and unless careful utilization of the time of available dentists is made there is bound to be some confusion on the part of the public. As a profession rendering a health service to the community the dental groups must continue to render the same high standard of service at all times. It is impossible to place these personal services on a production basis, as is done in plants providing war materials, for the human element enters into the performance of professional service.

During this period patients may have to be satisfied with temporary treatment for the duration of the war at least, for in many cases it is not possible for dentists to spend time on what was formerly known as luxury dentistry.

1. Call your dentist for an appointment several weeks before you expect to see him.

2. Keep your appointments promptly. Failure to do this may cause needless waste of the dentist's time.

3. If, due to an unforeseen emergency, an appointment cannot be kept be sure to notify the dentist at least 24 hours in advance in order that other patients may use the time allotted to you.

4. Broken appointments. It is estimated that through thoughtlessness on the part of patients each practicing dentist loses at least one hour each week through broken appointments. Using 70,000 as the number of dentists in the United States, 70,000 hours are lost to dentists and their patients each week or over three and a half million hours a year.

5. Anticipate your need for dental service. If you know you require dental service, do not wait until pain forcibly reminds you.

**Don't Wait**

6. Do not delay dental service for young children until school age. Take them to the dentist periodically for examination and corrective service after they reach two and a half years of age.

7. Do not demand immediate attention unless a real emergency exists.

8. When you finish an appointment leave the dentist's operating room promptly. Remember others are waiting.

9. Home care of the mouth is important. Keep removable dental bridges and dentures clean.

10. Be as cooperative as possible. In order to maintain adequate dental care for both civilian and military needs, the dental profession is serving faithfully and well. Anything which can be done by the public to relieve the demands on the dentist is in effect a contribution to the war effort.

**PULL BACK SUBS**

LONDON, (U.P.)—Adolf Hitler may pull back his U-boats to defend the European coast when he becomes convinced he is losing the battle of the Atlantic to escort craft and land-based allied planes, naval observers said today. One qualified observer said such a course probably had not yet been taken by the Germans since the submarine is chiefly a weapon for the destruction of shipping and any other use would be purely secondary.

# Logging Practices Held Threatening Seaside Water

Present logging practices of the Crown-Willamette company in the Seaside watershed threaten the water supply of the Seaside area, it has been declared by Ken Spies, sanitary engineer for the state board of health, who inspected the shed area last week.

Spies was accompanied on his inspection tour by Vern Reierson, county sanitarian; Jens Lerback and Guy Haney, members of the water committee of the Seaside city council.

The county and state officers claimed that Crown-Willamette has failed to follow terms of an agreement made with the city council concerning the logging of its tract of timber on the watershed. As a result the officials say the quality of water provided by the city's system will be reduced and that future maintenance of adequate water supply will be difficult.

**Future Meeting Probable**

It is probable that a meeting will be arranged soon between company officials and state, county, and city authorities to settle upon a plan to eliminate further difficulty. Members of the council are determined that the agreement be met and all danger to the watershed be eliminated, it is reported.

The firm signed the agreement with the city several years ago, in return for the right to build a road across city property adjacent to the city dam. The agreement provided that all but a small portion of the tract would be logged with tractors, which are not as destructive to such areas as is high lead logging. It also provided that debris would be cleaned up; trestles built for all operations across the stream, and all trees of less than 20 inches in diameter would be left standing and later sold to the city at a stated price.

**None Followed**

None of these provisions have been followed, declared those who inspected the operations. The tract is being logged clean and no attempt has been made to protect the stream and its water. Logs are being dragged through the creek, trees felled across it, and debris permitted to polute it.

It was taken for granted that under the most favorable conditions the water supply will be reduced after the logging. But city officials hoped that by retaining a large number of seed trees the water shed would recover its natural cover rapidly. This is not being done under the practice of clean logging.

# Sanitarian Eyes Local Swim Pools

A complete survey of all public and private swimming pools in the county has just been completed, Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, said today. They have been quite satisfactory.

Major improvements have been made during the past year to improve facilities, Reierson said. He will furnish data concerning any of the pools upon request. Information regarding the safety of swimming facilities in the county's river and lakes is also available in the sanitarian's office.

**Public Health Study**

Mrs. E. McKinnon from the Puerto Rico School of Tropical Medicine, now studying for her master's degree at the University of Washington, was in Astoria today studying the public health records of Clatsop county. For her thesis she will study and analyze the records of Oregon, Washington and California public and private health agencies.

**Sanitary Engineer Visits**

H. Spies, state sanitary engineer, is in Astoria today making surveys with special emphasis and work on the Seaside water problems. He is also studying other county conditions.

**Public Health**

Mrs. Catherine Webster of Oregon state board of health is here on a regular field visit for the division of public health nurses.

# State Health Officer Sees Log Damage

### Logging Operations On Watershed Claimed To Be A Menace To Water Supply; Pact Violated

Failure on the part of the Crown-Zellerbach to follow the terms of an agreement with the city council concerning the logging of a tract of timber on the watershed of the city water supply was claimed by county and state officers after an inspection of the operations Tuesday. As a result these officials claim that, if the present practice is continued, the quality of the water provided by the city's system will be reduced and that the city will experience difficulty in maintaining an adequate water supply in the future.

**As a result of the inspection it is probable that a meeting will be held with Crown - Zellerbach officials, state and county officials and members of the city council to determine on a course which will eliminate further difficulty. Members of the council are determined that the agreement be met and that all danger to the watershed be eliminated.**

The inspection showed that logging along the stream which feeds the city water system was being done without the slightest consideration for its effect on the stream. Logs had been dragged across and through the creek. Trees had been felled across it. Debris of all kinds had been permitted to fall in the stream. In one place logs were rolled in it in preparation for logging. In some places the stream was choked with logging refuse and debris.

AGREEMENT MADE

Several years ago the Crown-Zellerbach company signed an agreement with the city, in return for the right to put a road across city property adjacent to the city dam. The agreement provided that all but a small portion of the tract would be logged with tractors, which are not so destructive to the area as is high lead logging. It provided that debris was to [illegible] cleaned up; that trestles were to be built for all operations across the stream, and [illegible] all trees of less than 20 inches in diameter were to be [illegible] standing and later sold to [illegible] city at a stated price.

Those who inspected the log[illegible] operations declared that [illegible] of these provisions have [illegible] followed. The tract is be[illegible] logged clean, a fact which [illegible] affect the watershed ad[illegible]ly in the future. No at[illegible] has been made to protect [illegible] stream and its water.

CHANGES NECESSARY

[illegible] water is to be maintained all debris must be cleaned from the stream, and from its banks. The practice of driving tractors and hauling logs through the stream must be ended and the provision for leaving small trees observed.

**The importance of the latter provision is vital from the standpoint of the future. It is taken for granted that under the most favorable conditions the water supply will be reduced after the logging. By retaining a large number of seed trees, the city officials hoped that the watershed would recover its natural cover more rapidly than otherwise. Without these seed trees the process of building up a new cover will be retarded many years.**

The party which made the inspection included Ken Spies, sanitary engineer for the state board of health, Vern Reierson, county health officer, and Jens Lerback and Guy Haney, members of the water committee of the city council. While no official action has yet been taken it is expected that a meeting will be called at which Crown officials, city councilmen and state and county health officers will discuss the situation with the idea of reaching a solution to the problem.

# Watershed Situation Is Critical

### Prospecting Logging Operations Cause Fear For Future of Water Supply; Action Needed

A survey of the city watershed discloses the fact that the present logging operations of the Crown-Zellerbach company is just one of the problems which face the city. The situation is such that informed persons believe that Seaside faces a major emergency in regard to its water system, and that if action is not taken in the immediate future, it will be too late to prevent sedious damage to the water shed.

**The situation has developed because of the abnormal demand for timber as the result of the war. A few years ago most of the timber on the watershed was of little value and under ordinary conditions much of it would have been left alone for many years. At the present time, however, all of it is valuable and some, consisting of spruce, is in great demand at the highest price in history.**

As a result of the situation the Crown has already started logging on the principal stream feeding the city water system. The Hawley Pulp & Paper company is attempting to let contracts for logging more of it and the St. Helens Pulp & Paper company also has timber in this area which might be logged before the war boom collapses.

AGREEMENT COVERS TRACT

The Crown tract, consisting of about a section, is covered by the agreement with the city defining methods of logging and limiting the size of trees which may be cut. So far the agreement has meant nothing to the city, as the logging is doing considerable damage and will do more if allowed to continue as at present. But an even worse problem lies in plans to log the Hawley tract.

Hawley owns eight "forties" which practically follows the major stream on which the water system depends. Any attemp to log this area would mean operations paralleling the stream and down hill to the stream. Logs would be in the creek more often than out of it, and snags, limbs and other debris would naturally gravitate to it. The stream would become choked with all sorts of decaying matter and soon would be useless as a source of water supply.

The logging would reduce the natural flow of the water, even if the stream was not irreparably damaged by logging operations. Much of the flow of water [illegible] from springs, which [illegible] the stream. [illegible] would with [illegible]

SOME LOGGING [illegible]

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the [illegible]eam, and much [illegible] could be logged without much difficulty. If the city c[illegible] coll-ed it some sort of a deal might be made for logging that part of it which would not damage the watershed.

**Two more forties, lying immediately down stream from the Hawley tract, are owned by the St. Helens Pulp & Paper company. These forties straddle the stream after it makes a junction with another of several streams flowing into the city system. They lie just above the cities diversion dam and adjoin the forty—the only tract owned by the city in this area—immediately around the dam. If this tract were logged it would be disastrous.**

The city is by no means helpless in this situation. State laws protect watersheds, and while the city could not interfere with logging operations without paying for loss caused to owners, there is considerable money which could be used for the purpose of protecting the watershed. There is no doubt but that the situation is critical, and that action should be taken immediately.

# Seaside Alleges Logging Injury To Watershed

SEASIDE, July 8.—County Health Officer Vern Rierson, Ken Spies, sanitary engineer for the state board of health, and Jess Lerbeck and Guy Haney, members of the water committee of the city council, inspected operations of the Crown-Zellerbach company recently and declared that failure on the part of the company to follow the terms of an agreement with the city council regarding the logging of a tract of timber on the watershed of the city water supply would result in the quality of water provided by the city's system being reduced, and that the city will find it dificult to maintain a sufficient water supply in future if this is not rectified.

According to the officials, logging along the stream which feeds the city water system was being done without the slightest consideration for its effect no the stream. Logs have been dragged across and through the creek. Trees had also been felled across it. Debris of all kinds was found to have fallen into the stream, and in one place logs had been rolled into it in preparation for logging and in several places the stream had become coked with logging refuse and debris, the party reported.

The agreement signed by the [illegible] Zellerbach company with the city provides that all but a [illegible] portion of the tract would ge[illegible] with tractors, which are not so destructive to an area as [illegible] logging. It also provides that debris is to be cleaned [illegible] that trestles were to be constructed for all operations across the stream and all trees of less than [illegible] in diameter left standing and later sold to the city at an agreed [illegible]

It is understood that a meeting will be held by representatives of Crown Zellerbach, state and county officials and members of the city council to plan a course so there will be no more difficulty in this respect.

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## Flames Raze Fine

**Clinic Is Held**

The Clatsop county health office reports the holding of a highly successful pre-school and infant clinic Thursday afternoon in Wauna. Arrangements were made and volunteer work was done by a Wauna committee consisting of Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Mrs. O. Thrash and Mrs. F. N. Smith. Dr. Donald Prentiss and Miss Shirley Vergeer conducted the clinic.

**Officials Visit**

Miss Harriet Brenenstall, Mrs. E. Francone and Miss Laura Harstad, venereal disease consultants from the state board of health, were in Astoria Thursday conferring with local authorities on the nursing problems involved in the control of the diseases.

**Health Clinic Soon**

Dr. Donald Prentiss and Mrs. R. H. Moody will conduct a pre-school and infant clinic in Warrenton at the school building on Tuesday, July 13, from 1:30 to 3 o'clock.

**Notice of Quarantine**

A quarantine is hereby established on all mussels from the shores of the Pacific ocean in Oregon, extending from the Oregon-California boundary north to the Oregon-Washington boundary, including its bays and estuaries emptying into the Pacific ocean. Mussels and uncleaned clams are unfit for human consumption, and it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or distribute them in the State of Oregon during the period of June 1 to Septemoer 30. All clams dug may be sold or disposed of for human consumption only if cleaned and thoroughly washed and dark parts discarded. Only the white meat should be prepared for cooking and eating. This action is taken for the preservation of the public health and is in addition to the rules and regulations governing the sanitary control of shell fish.

(Signed: Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer.)

# Clam Poison Warning Out

Announcing the official quarantine on clams, printed in the locals, page 2, Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, emphasized that this does not mean clams are not edible if washed thoroughly and only the white meat is eaten.

"I urgently caution," Reierson said, "that dark portions of any clams are potential sources of poison during summer months. Therefore a safe rule is, do not eat the dark meat or drink the juices from clams during the summer months. There is no danger of any harmful reactions if everyone follows the safe procedure of thoroughly cleaning and washing the entire clam including the neck and foot portions."

**Muscles Safe**

Reierson said that the poisonous plankton, a microscopic sea organism, upon which shell fish feed, has made its appearance. The clam stores this poison in the digestive glands, but the muscle tissue is not affected. The digestive organs are the dark central portion of clams, the sanitarian explained.

Crabs and other sea life such as salmon do not present a poison hazard as they do not feed on the plankton and their viscera are not consumed.

# Uncleaned Clams and Mussels Now Under Ban

A ban on the sale of uncleaned clams and mussels, made effective by law from June 1 to September 30, has been announced by Fredrick D. Stricker, state health officer. All clams dug may be sold or disposed of for human consumption only if cleaned and washed thoroughly and all dark parts removed. Only the white meat should be prepared for eating.

Verne Reierson, county health officer, emphasizes the fact that clams are perfectly safe to use if the dark parts are removed and only the white part eaten. This involves the removal of the digestive organs of the clam and if this is done all possible sources of poison are eliminated. Reierson declared that plankton, microscopic organisms in the water on which the clams and mussels feed, are responsible for the poison which is sometimes found in clams at this time of the year. This poison, however, is confined to the digestive tract.

The quarantine on uncleaned clams and mussels covers the entire Oregon coast line.

**Water Supply Check-up**

Kenneth H. Spees, state sanitary engineer, arrived in Astoria today and will remain through tomorrow checking the water supply and other routine problems.

**Rat Control**

Albert Swain, senior biological aid of the fish and wild life commission, will do rat control work in the county Thursday and Friday.

**Brownsmead Clinic**

A pre-school clinic will be conducted by Dr. Donald C. Prentiss and Shirley Vergeer, county nurse, in Brownsmead at 1:30 p. m. next Tuesday. Special emphasis will be placed on immunization for small pox and diphtheria.

# Baby Clinic Set

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) — A clinic for pre-school children and infants will be held in the Brownsmead schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon, July 27, at 1:30 p. m. Dr. Donald Prentiss of St. Mary's hospital will be the examining physician and will be assisted by Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., of the Clatsop county health unit. Immunizations for diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox will be available.

**Pre-School Clinic**

An infant and pre-school clinic is scheduled at Wauna, Thursday, August 5. Appointments must be made through Mrs. Manley Wilson at Wauna.

**Sanitarian Gone**

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, announced Friday that he will not be in his office for the next two weeks.

# Watershed Conditions Improved

## Inspection Wednesday By City Officials and Crown Men Indicates Improved Conditions

Considerable improvement in the situation on the watershed of the Seaside water system was noted Wednesday when members of the city council and officials of the Crown-Zellerbach company inspected the site of logging operations on one of the streams feeding the water system. It is expected that most of the damage already done can be repaired, and that future operations will not result in much additional damage.

**Since the last inspection of the logging operations much of the debris had been cleaned up and there was relatively little material in or adjacent to the stream. This area was on a side hill which made logging difficult and most of the damage was the result of this situation.**

In other areas logging is done selectively without damage to the watershed, according to those who made the inspection Wednesday. In view of the improved situation, and the fact that the difficult logging has come to an end, the members of the party are more confident that the watershed will escape damage in the future so far as this particular job is concerned. It is taken for granted that there will be some damage and that the removal of the natural cover will reduce the flow of this particular stream. That, however, is to be expected as long as any logging at all is done on the watershed.

**PROBLEM DISCUSSED**

The whole problem of the watershed was discussed at a meeting of the water committee and other city officials Tuesday night. At that meeting the members of the council determined to take all possible steps to eliminate trouble at the watershed and prevent further damage.

Officials of the Crown-Zellerbach company indicated a willingness to cooperate with the city in solving the problems involved in logging operations and those present believe that the outcome of the operations will not be serious.

Those who made the inspection trip included Ed Stimson, logging manager for the Crown-Zellerbach company; Charles Nichols, local superintendent; Mayor W. B. Hollenbeck; Councilmen Smith and Haney; Irving C. Allen, city attorney; Clarence Owen, assistant water superintendent; Vern Reierson, county health officer, and Ken Spies, state sanitary engineer.

# Mrs. Dunbar Here Monday For Meet

Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association will be in Astoria Monday to meet with the officers and representatives of the Clatsop County Health association, it was announced today by the Rev. J. Walton Kempe, president of the local group.

She will discuss with the Clatsop county officers the matter of engaging a full or part time executive secretary for this county. It is felt that the needs in this area have increased so much since the war came that such an executive should be called in order to meet these needs in the administration of the health association of the county. The local officers are anticipating an interesting next Monday which will be held in the Flavel building at 8 p.m.

# 1st Grade Health Exams Tuesday

Health examinations for first grade pupils entering Astoria city schools this fall and not previously examined are scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, in the county health offices, Flavel building, between 1 and 4 p. m.

Verne Reierson, acting health officer, said in announcing these examinations today that at this time emphasis is being placed on first grade pupils. Examinations for pupils entering Astoria city schools this fall for the first time will be announced at a later date.

# Children Get Inoculation

Small pox and diphtheria immunization will be offered all grade school and pre-school children in all county schools during the first week in November, it was announced today by Miss Shirley Vergeer, senior county health nurse. The respective days for the county's various schools have been announced in the districts concerned.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, assistant state health officer from Portland, will be in charge of the clinics. Miss Vergeer indicated that as Dr. Erickson's time in the area is limited no repeat trips will be made and no second opportunities offered until later times are scheduled.

**Bring Them In**

Parents living in out-lying districts are instructed to contact the nearest school and make arrangements wherever possible to bring their pre-school children—those between 9 months and 6 years—to the school to take advantage of the opportunity.

Any high school children wanting to be vaccinated for small pox or diphtheria, or to receive re-vaccination when 5 or 6 years have elapsed since the last immunization, will be accepted at the clinics provided they present written statements from home giving permission for vaccination. Immunization permits requesting parents' signature have been sent to all school children who have not been immunized according to the health association's records. Slips are not sent in cases where the children have been immunized.

Dr. Erickson will return in a month or six weeks to give the second doses of diphtheria toxoid. Children should be returned for the second dosage.

## Portland's Sewage Disposal

The Portland Oregonian and C. C. Chapman's Oregon Voter are pressing the Portland city council to do something about levying for construction of adequate sewage disposal facilities there after the war.

In 1938 the people of Portland voted to the city council authority to levy a water user charge equal to one-third of householders' average monthly bill (not including summer sprinkling). Since that time the council has been levying only one-ninth instead of one-third; and the levy has been producing about $200,000 a year instead of a possible $600,000.

In proposing that the city council exercise its grant of authority for the greater levy, Chapman suggests that there has never been a better time than now, both because the water users have the money, and also because to tax it would amount to substantial anti-inflation policy. The Oregonian observes that many other Oregon communities have better records than Portland in preparing for sewage disposal, and for Portland to lag, weakens, by bad precept and example, the effort among other towns.

At present 13 cities in Oregon have levied sewer charges to finance construction and/or operation of disposal facilities. Two of these are levying the service charge to create sinking funds for future construction and two are using this method for paying the interest and retiring the principal on the bonded indebtedness. Nine of them are financing operation and maintenance costs in addition to paying the interest and retiring the principal on the bonded indebtedness by this means.

The state sanitary authority reports that many municipalities have already cooperated with the authority and are complying with its recommendations of preparing engineering plans and of organizing adequate fiscal programs. In certain cases municipal officials have been cited to appear before the authority to show cause why they should not comply with the authority recommendations.

Chapman cites examples of sewer service charges outside of Oregon, with Buffalo, N. Y., as a case in point. In that city, where there are 600,000 persons served by sewers, the minimum sewer charge is $0.80 per quarter and a flat rate charge of 40 per cent of the water bill—all of which produces annual income of $825,000. There are 92 cities in 17 states that levy sewer charges for disposal control.

The Voter points out that small users are likely never to find it as easy to pay water bills as in the present. The large users deduct from their top rates of federal income tax.

It has always been quite obvious that Portland was passing up a good thing by failing to do anything about a sewage-ridden river flowing through the center of town. We in a fishing community have been doubly conscious of the pollution menace, because of its disastrous effect on fish runs that are depleted and have been ruined by bad water.

However anyone who has studied the movement to eliminate pollution from many valley towns knows of difficulties of salesmanship when confronted with the record of Portland, the chief offender.

That Portland will construct adequate sewage disposal facilities after the war is certain, since the state sanitary authority is under statutory obligation to require this. But it would seem that suggestions for action in anticipation of this work now are most practical. Furthermore it might show the way to other communities looking ahead to legitimate post-war projects for employment and actual municipal improvements. Certainly this community, which has had its finger on the pulse of Oregon's great fishing industry for decades, can appreciate the economic benefits that would accrue to the whole state from such a program. And this point of view excludes that which considers sanitation, beautification and recreation, which is really Portland's own challenge, but in which the upstate would take pride in seeing met.

## Baby Clinic Set Thursday

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) Miss Shirley Vergeer, R. N., spent Thursday afternoon making home calls in the Brownsmead district. She announces that there will be a well baby clinic at the school house Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with Dr. Prentiss and Miss Vergeer in attendance. Mothers of pre-school children and infants are invited to attend.

The Brownsmead grade school opened its doors for classes September 13 with Miss Mabel Hale of Salem as teacher for the forthcoming year. There are 20 pupils enrolled this year

## 23 Children Attend Clinic

WARRENTON, (Special) An infant and pre-school clinic was held at the school Tuesday afternoon September 14, with 23 children being examined. County health officer, Dr. Donald Prentiss and Mrs. Ruth Moody, health nurse, were in attendance. The next clinic will be held in two months, the date to be announced later.

Mrs. Q. Robinson and Mrs. C. D. Swallow of Portland left Tuesday for Elk City, Ida., where they were called by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. O. J. Smith.

The IOOF lodge No. 243 will hold a regular business meeting in the hall Friday evening, September 17. All visiting Oddfellows are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

The Pacific Rebekah lodge No. 231 will hold a business meeting in the IOOF hall Tuesday evening, September 21.

## Friday Health Examination Day

Friday, September 24, at 1 p. m. will be the last opportunity for those first grade pupils entering Astoria city schools who have not been previously examined to obtain physical examinations at the health department offices, 215 Eighth street.

As the purpose of this examination is to detect correctible defects before school begins, exams after school starts are of little benefit, Miss Shirley Vergeer, public health nurse, stressed today.

City school rules require examination of first graders before registration. There will be no physician available for this service when school opens.

Advanced pupils new to Astoria schools will be inspected at their respective schools by the public health nurses and should not report to the health department

## Seals On Sale

The 1943 tuberculosis Christmas seals will go on sale early this year for the benefit of families and friends mailing packages to service men overseas, Mrs. A. J. Antonich has been named chairman of the seal sale committee this year and has already made a trip to Portland to draw up plans.

The seals will be on sale at tables in the two banks, the Owl drug store and in the men's clothing stores this week, Mrs. Antonich said.

## Nurses Study Paralysis

Miss Shirley Vergeer, senior nurse, and Miss Ethel Gunderson, nurse, of the public health department, last week attended classes in Portland studying the nature and care of anterior poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis.

The first day was devoted to lectures, but the nurses then spent two days actuany putting on the packs used in the Sister Kenny treatment, Miss Vergeer said. The nurses handled both adult and child cases.

**Go To Doernbecker**

Doernbecker hospital in Portland is now admitting all acute polio cases on referral from the various health departments, as far as the nurses were able to ascertain. Arrangements may be made for admitting adult patients to the isolation hospital in Portland through the health departments. The cost for caring for these patients must, however, be provided locally.

Patients are kept in the hospital until the acute stage is passed, and if further packing is needed the family is instructed in packing and the patient is kept under observation through the out-patient clinic.

Nurse Vergeer said that so far there have been no cases of polio in Clatsop county, though there has been some incidence of the disease in Tillamook county. She said that none of the patients thus far treated by the Kenny method in Portland have lost the normal joint movement.

## Regular Seal Sale Far Off

The preliminary Christmas seal sale being carried on through "serve-yourself" boxes in the banks and downtown stores is merely for the convenience of those sending packages to servicemen overseas, Mrs. A. J. Antonich, 1943 drive chairman, said today.

The usual seal sale will be carried out later this year through the mailing lists and downtown booth sales under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Middleton. Mailing lists are now being compiled, Mrs. Antonich said

## *Straw Hats Advertising Jamboree*

Members of the milk drivers and dairy employes union continued to wear their summer straw bonnets, more conspicuous today because of the wintry weather, to advertise their sale of tickets for the Milk Fund jamboree.

Tickets for the dance, which is scheduled for October 2 at the USO building, are selling well, according to Joe Nivala, secretary-treasurer of the union. He reports that many people have voluntarily stopped the straw hatted salesmen on the street to request tickets. As is customary with all activities held in the USO building, admission will be free to those in the uniforms of the armed forces.

Through last year's jamboree fund, a total of $1,179.98 worth of milk was distributed between September, 1942, and June, 1943, to school children. Nivala indicated that the distribution by schools throughout the county was made as follows:

Warrenton, $200.53; John Jacob Astor, $110.92; Lewis and Clark, $98.50; Captain Robert Gray, $103.96; Seaside, $165.68; Lewis and Clark Consolidated, $109.88; Olney, $35.60; Hammond, $79.96; Morrison, $62.84; Svensen, $79.22; Wauna, $47.58; Westport, $58.42; Fernhill, $42.35.

## Winter Rat Control Starts

Albert H. Swain, senior biological aid of the rodent control division of the state fish and wild life service, will arrive in Astoria tomorrow to help the county sanitarian, Verne Reierson, launch the city's winter campaign against rats.

Reierson today asked that any people bothered with rats notify him. The rodents tend to appear as a result of cool weather, he said.

Rodent control work here will include placing of heavy dosages of poison along the waterfront and in garbage dumps.

**Health Officer Here**

Dr. Erickson, assistant state health officer, arrived in Astoria this morning to spend the week with the health department. He will give vaccinations and immunizations and conduct clinics in city and county schools during his stay.

# S. Vergeer Leaving Health Job

Miss Shirley Vergeer, senior nurse and the first nurse to enter Clatsop county's health department, will leave her work here next week for service in the army air force.

Ordered to report to Hammer field, Fresno, Cal., on December 1 for basic training, Miss Vergeer will leave the county health work in the hands of the remaining nurses, Miss Ethel Gunderson and Mrs. Ruth Moody. A third nurse, it is expected, will be added to the staff by January.

**To Get Bars**

Miss Vergeer will be Second Lieutenant Vergeer when she finishes her three-months' basic training. She said with a chuckle that this basic course includes practically all the regular field training given the men—drilling and physical build-up work. It also includes hospital routine study and officers training.

"I'm trying to catch up with my brother who is a major in the army," she said. "He is now stationed at Fort Custer, Mich."

Nurse Vergeer said today that she hopes to be assigned to overseas duty following her training, but that such assignment depends upon a second physical examination. At any rate, she will serve air force personnel. Nurses are attached to the air force entirely through their own choice, she said. As to working on transport hospital planes, Miss Vergeer said that is "out" for her as she is a half inch too tall.

**Skimpy Beginning**

Working with the department since the day it opened, July 16, 1937—"when all it had was linoleum on the floor and not even a chair"—Miss Vergeer has seen many changes. From that time the department has expanded from one room to five in the Flavel building, and from one nurse to three.

At the beginning, Dr. Edgar E. Berg was the department's physician. Miss Aini Tihila, the original clerk of the offfice, is still with the organization.

"It was fun starting from scratch," the nurse said. "The first thing we did was get a table and sit down to figure out what supplies we needed. We didn't even have any linens—pillowcases, sheets, towels or any equipment. I have enjoyed working here more than any other place I have been," she concluded.

**Praises Cooperation**

Cooperation from the community has been "very fine," according to Miss Vergeer. She commended, especially, the county court, the county health association and the local physicians. She added that a public health department needs to have the "physicians behind it, very definitely."

Before coming to Astoria, Nurse Vergeer did public health work in Medford and Portland. She was graduated from the University of Oregon and did post graduate work at the University of Minneapolis. During her entire period here she served the district from Astoria to Westport, and "a few others besides."

# Death Takes Dr. Prentiss

Dr. Donald C. Prentiss, 29, pathologist at St. Mary's hospital and substitute county health doctor, died Saturday in a Portland hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be Thursday at 10:30 a. m. in the parlors of Edward Holman & Son, 2610 Hawthorne boulevard, in Portland; interment will follow at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in Bay City, Ore.

Dr. Prentiss was confined in St. Mary's hospital during November, and was taken to Portland on November 24.

**Oregon Student**

Born in Illinois on April 19, 1914, Dr. Prentiss studied medicine at Oregon State college and the University of Oregon Medical school. At Oregon State college, where he was an outstanding pre-medics student, he was a member of several honorary scholastic societies. Following graduation from the University of Oregon Medical school he served an internship in Portland's Good Samaritan hospital.

He had served as pathologist at St. Mary's hospital here for nearly five years. Since May, 1942, he had substituted as doctor for the county health department, in the absence of regular physicians.

He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity at Oregon State college.

Survivors are his widow, Marian Prentiss, a daughter Carolyn and son Charles Gary; mother, Mrs. Sara Watt Prentiss, of Corvallis; brother, Robert W. Prentiss of Hot Springs, Ark.

# Winter Rodent Drive Underway

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, and Albert Swain, representative of the rodent control division of the fish and wild life service, began three days of rat eradication work in the county today. They will continue this mid-winter drive against the rodents through Thursday and urge all people bothered by rats to ask for their assistance .

Reierson stressed Monday that there is no charge for this service. The men may be reached by telephone at the county health office, phone 519.

The sanitarian explained that the recent cold spell has brought about a number of invasions by rats into private dwellings and other structures. These rats are potential causes of fire hazards as they collect rubbish in attics and between walls, and they are also destructive of food.

# LOCAL

**Move Against Rodents**

Albert H. Swain, senior biological aid in the fish and wild life service, will be in the county Thursday and Friday working with Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, on rat control. Anyone in the county may receive help in rodent control from the men by calling the county health office.

# Children's Milk Plan Wins Okeh

**WHAT: Milk available to all grade school children at 1c per half-pint.**

**WHEN: Effective January 1, throughout 1944.**

**WHERE: All Clatsop county schools except few isolated areas.**

**WHY: To provide needed supplement to average milk diet.**

All grade school children in Clatsop county, with the exception of those in a few isolated schools, will receive a half-pint bottle of milk each school day of 1944, through a program drawn up by the local milk drivers and dairy employes union and the P-TA, and supported by the city and county school boards.

The program will go into effect January 1, having last week received final approval from the food distribution administration of the U. S. department of agriculture, contributor of supplemental funds.

**10 New Schools**

Ten schools, whose pupils were formerly not generally benefitted by the milk fund, will now receive milk under the new plan. Heretofore, milk provided by this fund, which is sponsored by the milk drivers and dairy employes local No. 522, has gone only to undernourished and underprivileged children and children in schools supporting hot lunch programs. Now milk is available to all, whether or not they participate in a hot lunch program. Formerly, hot lunch programs did not include milk, and children were charged 3½ cents per bottle.

Acceptance of this milk will be voluntary with both schools and families of the children. Except in the few cases where schools are beyond range of milk delivery routes it will be available to all schools.

As under the previous plan, county health nurses will determine the cases where free milk should be provided—cases of undernourishment and underprivilege. These children will receive free milk, as before, without descrimination or public exposal.

**Use Drive Funds**

E. M. (Rosebud) Marriott, new secretary of the sponsoring union, stressed that this program will give more children a complete supplemental milk diet than previously. He explained that the expanded program was made possible primarily by increased receipts from the milk fund drive.

Expressing confidence that the plan will work, Marriott said, "It is even possible that the charge can be cut dow in the future to less than one cent per half-pint, depending on what the fund raises each year. That will depend on increased community support."

The program has aroused the interest of the federal food distribution administration which hopes to see other regions adopt it. Indicating the administration's attitude, Carl H. Hasenkamp, an Oregon representative of the organization, wrote county workers, "We are particularly interested in the way this program develops because it is an oustanding example of community effort toward making better citizens of our children."

# Eat Spots Eyed For Sanitation

The unsanitary condition of Astoria eating places was the principle topic of discussion at the Clatsop County Health association meeting Thursday.

It was reported to the association that three cases of trench mouth had been handled in recent weeks by one Astoria doctor. One of these cases was directly traced to the dishwashing in a city restaurant.

**Help Problem**

The group conceded that the restaurant problems of insufficient, inexperienced and transient help contribute to poor standards of cleanliness, but agreed that the situation should be improved. One suggestion was to educate restaurant workers through the culinary alliance by lectures and moving pictures.

Finally, the association determined to confer with members of the city commission regarding the possibility of ordinance revisions or other official action.

It was announced that Rev. J. W. Kempe, president of the association, will name the nominating committee within the coming week. The budget committee and the banquet committee were instructed to report at the first meeting in 1943 early in January. Officers for the coming year will be elected in January, presented at the annual meeting in February, and installed in March at the banquet.

# Children See Teeth Magic Show

A magic show is visiting county grade schools this week promoting proper care of teeth, according to announcement from the public health office.

The show was featured in assemblies at the Westport, Knappa and Svensen schools today, and Wednesday will appear at Astor school at 9 a. m., Lewis and Clark school at 11 a. m., Captain Robert Gray at 2 p. m. On Thursday it will show at Lewis and Clark consolidated school at 9 a. m., Gearhart at 11 a. m., Seaside at 2 p. m.

Backed financially by the Clatsop County Health association on its tour of this county, the show is produced by the Good Teeth Council for Children, Inc., which is sponsored by dentists. It is used in school systems throughout the country.

Four points of dental health are stressed by the show: proper diet, visit dentist three times yearly, keep teeth clean and give them plenty of chewing exercise.

# Health, Child Leaders Go To Social Hygiene Meeting

The Oregon state conference on social hygiene will meet in Portland on Friday, with at least two members of Clatsop county's health department and juvenile staff in attendance. Main points in the program will be delinquency and venereal disease.

**Open to Public**

Mrs. Rose Reith, county probation and juvenile officer, and Mrs. Ruth Moody, health department nurse, will represent the offices; and Dr. Nellie Vernon, city health officer; and Florence Abel, Edith Johnson and William Seeborg of the county health association, also plan to attend. The health department indicated that it is hoped several Clatsop county laymen will also attend as the meetings are open to the public.

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, chairman of the social hygiene committee, will preside at the morning session in the Arabian room of the Multnomah hotel beginning at 9:30 a. m. Speakers at the session will be the following:

**Governor Talks**

Gov. Earl Snell and Mayor R. Earl Riley, greetings; Miss Elda Russell, chairman of the governor's committee on juvenile delinquency, "Oregon Faces its Juvenile Delinquency Problems;" Dr. Richard A. Koch, head of venereal disease division of San Francisco health department, "The Separate Women's Court of San Francisco;" George Sheviakov, assistant superintendent of schools, Vanport, "Parental Responsibilities;" Dr. Orlando John Hollis, acting president of the University of Oregon, presiding over luncheon; Dr. J. R. Heller Jr., assistant surgeon general, U. S. public health service, Washington, D. C., "Venereal Disease Delays Victory."

Dr. Frederick D. Stricker will preside over the afternoon session at which the following will speak: Dr. Will H. Aufrance, venereal disease control officer of the state board of health, "Control of Venereal Disease in Oregon;" Lawrence Arnstein, executive secretary, California social hygiene association, "Organization Is the Key to Accomplishment;" Dr. Jessie Brodie, Portland physician, "Social Hygiene Instruction in the Home;" four Portland students, Rae Galbraith, Eleanor Swanson, Cameron Thompson and William Brunner, "Youth Speaks on Social Hygiene."

Further information may be obtained by calling the county health department, 519.

# *Mrs. Abel New Health Director*

Mrs. Harvey Abel, who became executive secretary of the Clatsop County Health association on February 1, will open an office this week in the Gunderson building, on Commercial between Eleventh and Twelfth, room 2, it was announced this week after the meeting of the association on Tuesday.

William Seeborg, president-elect of the association, explained the value of a central office and a full-time secretary. In the past, work of the association here has been limited particularly in health education by the lack of men and women who could give sufficient time, he said. Under Mrs. Abel, the educational program will be expanded this year and cover all the communities of the county, with talks, literature and movie pictures.

**Separate Groups**

Seeborg also said that counties with full-time trained secretaries have found that the administration of seal sale funds has been facilitated greatly. He added that an individual office will prevent the health association from being confused, as in the past, with the county health department, which is supported from public tax funds. The association is supported by public donations.

Mrs. Abel will attend a series of training courses in Portland under Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar and will work closely with the state tuberculosis association. She has been active in a number of women's organizations in the county and is now president of the county P-TA. She formerly worked in the office of the ORIA shipyard.

Business of the association meeting this week included planning for the annual banquet scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 p. m. at Club 13. The banquet will honor [illegible] men from the various localities. Reservations should be made by phoning 519, Mrs. Abel announced.

The proposed youth recreation center was discussed with Dr. R. W. Kullberg reporting for his committee. Members who attended the social hygiene conference in Portland on February 1 reported on proceedings there. Those who attended were Mrs. Abel, Miss Floyd Reith, Dr. Nellie Vernon, Mrs. Ruth Moody and Rex Reed.

# Doctor Explains TB Test At HS

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health doctor, spoke briefly this morning at a student assembly in the gymnasium of Astoria high school. She dealt, in part, with the tuberculin tests which her department will give at the high school next week.

W. W. Phippeny, in charge of visual education in the schools, presented some moving pictures in connection with Dr. Scoville's talk.

Tuberculin tests will be given next week also at Star of the Sea school. Dr. Scoville said today that the testing program will be continued in the coming weeks to the county schools, with films augmenting [illegible] where possible. An adult [illegible] will begin after [illegible] completed.

Dr. Scoville spoke this week at the meeting of the Lewis and Clark P-TA regarding tuberculosis.

# *Wm. Seeborg 1944 Health President*

William Seeborg was elected president of the Clatsop County Health association Thursday. He will be installed, replacing Rev. J. Walter Kempe, 1943 president, at the end of the association's fiscal year in March.

Elected to serve with Seeborg were Ford Knutsen, first vice president; Mrs. Harvey Abel, second vice president; Aine Tihila, secretary, and Verne Stratton, treasurer. The association plans also to hire an executive secretary for the coming year.

**Tells Committees**

Seeborg announced his committees following the meeting Thursday. They are as follows: recreation chairman, Dr. R. W. Kullberg; education, Seeborg; annual banquet; Mrs. J. A. Antonich, Mrs. Floyd Reith, Mrs. Joseph Johnson and Mrs. J. C. Sparks.

Budget committee, Verne Stratton and Verne Reierson; sanitation, Reierson and Seeborg; to secure executive secretary, Seeborg, Mrs. Reith and Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Antonich, who was chairman of the Christmas seal sale, reported that the sale had netted $5500 thus far, which is $1500 more than the total collected last year by April 1. Mrs. J. V. Kearney, seal sale secretary-treasurer, reported that the follow-up letters have been mailed to people who have not yet sent in answers to seals sent at Christmas.

Dr. Kullberg was appointed chairman of a committee to work for the establishment of a youth recreation center in Astoria. The association to enlist cooperation of the civic and fraternal organizations in the city in this project, Seeborg said.

**Rat Control**

Albert H. Swain, representative of the fish and wild life service, and Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, will work together on rat control throughout the county Wednesday and Thursday. People bothered with rats are asked to request their aid by calling the county health office.

**Health Worker Here**

Mrs. Catherine Webster, field supervisor from the state division of public health nursing, was in the city today confering with the county's nurses and the county health department.

# Labor Members Boost R. C. Gifts

Representatives of the Astoria central labor council at their meeting Monday night went on record approving a proposal that all individual contributions of union members this year to the Red Cross organization be increased by exactly 10 per cent over last year. Along with endorsement of the Red Cross campaign labor leaders also voted to cooperate with Clatsop County Health association in their efforts to check the ravages of tuberculosis in the lower Columbia district at their meeting last night.

# Health Group Sets Dinner

Reservations are being made presently for the annual dinner of the Clatsop county health association scheduled for Thursday, February 17, at Club 13. Seal sale chairmen of the 1943 Christmas Seal drive will be honor guests.

Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive-secretary of the association, said today that she hopes to receive all reservation by Monday. Since the new health association office is not yet open, Mrs. Abel asks that reservations be made by telephone at 519.

**On Diseases**

Commander Bailey, naval medical officer stationed at Tongue Point, will be the guest speaker, his talk dealing with tropical diseases. The naval doctor has served for six months in the South Pacific. Installation of new officers will be part of the program, and Eldred Hendrickson will furnish musical entertainment.

Mrs. A. J. Antonich, who was chairman of the seal sale, heads the dinner committee. Serving under her are Mrs. Joseph Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Sparks and Mrs. Floyd Reith.

# Health Office Starting School Tests For T.B.

The annual tuberculin tests will begin in Astoria's schools this week, Dr. Dorothea Scoville, new county health officer, announces. Movies on this important subject of tuberculosis will be shown as a reminder to the children.

Emphasis will be placed on children in the first grade and high school groups.

**County High**

Although the tuberculosis death rate for the entire state is low, the rate in Clatsop county places it among the three counties with the highest death rate, Dr. Scoville indicated. Nationally, the disease ranks first as a "killer" of girls in the age group between 15 and 24 years. The high death rate for males occurs past the age of 35 years, at a time when the economic loss is high.

"Although the present program will begin with the schools, the health department plans to search for the disease among grown-ups. To insure success for this program, the entire community must be made aware of the problem and cooperate to solve it," said Dr. Scoville.

**Baby Clinics**

A series of baby clinics will begin this week. The Hammond clinic will be Wednesday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30, the Wauna clinic on Thursday at the same hours.

# Woman MD In County Health Job

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville was in action today in the Flavel building at Clatsop county's public health doctor, examining children who came into the office from the schools and generally getting acquainted with the local situation.

Dr. Scoville, who wears the khaki colored uniform of the U. S. public health service, arrived in Astoria Wednesday. The county court approved her appointment as county health doctor at the suggestion of the Oregon state board of health. She is presently one of 12 women doctors in the U. S. public health service, and was the seventh to join.

**Without Doctor**

The county has been without a full-time doctor since Dr. Donald J. Bourg left to enter the U. S. public health service in June, 1943. The late Dr. Donald C. Prentiss handled the county health work on a part time basis after Dr. Bourg left. Since Dr. Prentiss' death Dr. Joseph Olson from the coast guard has helped the office where necessary.

Dr. Scoville comes from New London, Conn., where she was doctor at Connecticut college. During the school's summer vacations she worked with the state health department. She has also spent some time in industrial hygiene work with United Aircraft corporation. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, with A. B. and M. D. degrees, Dr. Scoville also has received a master of public health degree from Yale university.

Clatsop county's new doctor left a husband and two daughters in Connecticut. One daughter is in high school and the other in college.

**Likes Set-up**

"I'm very much impressed with the health set-up here," Dr. Scoville said. "It shows that the way has really been paved for a new doctor. I'm also very much impressed by the progressive quality of the Oregon state health department."

As to her plans for operation, Dr. Scoville indicated they are still in the formative stage. She said, however, that the health department will continue to cooperate with the county's doctors, military units and agencies interested in promoting health. She added that she hopes to introduce a volunteer service to aid the health department's regular staff.

"I want the members of the community to feel they have a responsibility in public health matters," she emphasized.

The public health doctor's uniform is the army khaki-colored twill, with the insignia of the U. S. public health service. Pointing to the insignia on her collar, Dr. Scoville explained the meaning of the anchor crossed with the medical corps winged staff. The service was begun for the merchant marine in 1798 before the United States had a standing army or navy, thus the anchor was chosen as the distinguishing element of the modern service's insignia.

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## HERE ARE THE FACTS CONCERNING THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Ever since the sewage disposal plant was built there has been discussion in Seaside as to whether or not the plant was effective in meeting the critical sewage problem here. Many misinformed people believe that it is not effective, and some even declare that it does not "work." The unfavorable impression was created right at the start, before the plant was even built, by several self - appointed sanitary engineers who, for one reason or another, did everything they could to create doubt concerning the project.

The answer to the question is simple. In the first place the disposal plant does work — perfectly. In the second place it eliminates, during the spring, summer and fall, most of the sewage which previously was dumped into the Necanicum river. In the third place it has eliminateid heavy sludge beds which had become a permanent part of the river bed. These sludge beds created gas which took oxygen from the water, a fact which was a serious detriment to fish life. The plant has also eliminated the deposit of sewage on the beach during the summer time, a problem which threatened to become serious even during the days when there were fewer people in Seaside than there are at present.

While the disposal plant itself works perfectly, the sewage system which feeds it, and which was in existence for years before the plant was built, does not work perfectly. The chief difficulty is that all surface water from paved streets, drains and what not, goes into the sewer. There are times during heavy storms when literally millions of gallons of water pour through the sewers in a 24-hour period. No plant could be built, at least at a reasonable cost, to process that much water. The solution is to close the plant down when the heavy rains begin and to keep it closed until the worst of the rainy season is over.

In practice the plant is shut down usually late in October. During the winter necessary maintenance work is performed, painting is done and equipment serviced and repaired. Along in April it is started again. Today all but one of the lift stations is operating, the plant itself is operating and within a few days the remaining lift station will be back at work. This plan of operation must be continued until the sewers are rebuilt in such a way that the surface water is eliminated from the system, and sent directly into the river.

Actually we see no reason why the plant should be operated in the winter. During the rainy season there is sufficient flow of water in the Necanicum to keep the stream cean. The volume of sewage produced is not as great as in the summer, when there is very little flow in the river and sewage once remained in the stream, washing back and forth, for weeks at a time. During the winter the sewage creates neither a health nor an aesthetic problem, and the expenditure of money to keep the plant working would be, in our opinion, largely wasted.

We do believe, however, that one of the first post - war projects undertaken here should be the reconstruction of the old sewer lines. They have been built up in a hodge - podge manner over a period of 40 years. Many of them are broken, and others are ready to go to pieces. Regardless of the disposal plant, new sewer lines are needed and if they can be built in such a way as to divert surface drainage, so much the better, although we repeat that we see no reason for operating the disposal plant in the winter.

There are certain sections of the city which are not now served by a sewer line, and new lines should be constructed. One example is the area north of Twelfth on the east side of the river. As there is no sewer in this district the sewage goes into the river. This should be remedied. There are other residents along the river who for years have dumped their sewage into the river, and who have refused to connect with an available sewer because of the few dollars of expense involved. All these problems can be solved by action of the city council, and they need to be solved just as soon as it is possible to do the necessary work. These things are the responsibility of the city council.

Other residents outside of the city limits put sewage into the river. Just what can be done about this we do not know. In any event the volume is so small as to be unimportant.

The sewage disposal plant is one of the finest small plants ever built, particularly in view of the problems involved in a city where every pound of sewage must be pubped. It has produced far fewer "bugs" than could normally be anticipated and practically all trouble involved in its operation results from failure to complete work on the old sewage lines which was recommended by the engineer who designed the plant.

The plant has solved, at moderate expense, a problem which would have become desperate during the past few years with the tremendously increased population of the city. It was planned only when it became evident that the deposit of sewage on the beach might seriously threaten the resort business here.

## Child Clinic

SEASIDE (Special) The well child clinic sponsored by the Seaside Junior Woman's club will be held Tuesday afternoon at the club house between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Deslet club president, will assist. No appointment is necessary for the interview.

**Leaves Health Office**

Mrs. Lillian McCarthy this week replaced Miss Aini Tihila as secretary of the Clatsop County Health department. Miss Tihila was secretary of the department for about seven years before she resigned from the position. She said last week that her plans were indefinite but included a visit to Portland. Mrs. McCarthy formerly worked in the county clerk's office.

## Wider Health Work Plan

Discussion at the meeting of the County Public Health association Thursday night began organization of community public health committees throughout the county, according to V. William Seeborg, president of the association. The meeting was the first of the association's new fiscal year.

It is tentatively planned that the directors from the various communities will act as chairmen for their districts' committees. Work of the committees will be to function as intermediary agencies between the association and the public and to help with clinics and promotion of public health activities.

**War Problems**

Dr. H. E. Erickson, assistant health officer, was guest speaker. He dealt with public health problems as related to the war, now and after it ends. He stressed the effect and need of rodent and mosquito control and outlined the value of cooperation between the county health department and the health association, which is a civic and volunteer organization.

Rev. Truscott, publicity chairman, reported that the PP & L company in Astoria and Seaside is distributing 6000 four page pamphlets throughout the county in connection with the early diagnosis of tuberculosis campaign. Harold Dishaw, education chairman, announced that plans are underway for a stepped-up program of health education in the county's schools.

## Examine Children

The well-baby and pre-school clinic held at the local school Tuesday afternoon with Dr. Dorothea Scoville and Mrs. Ruth Moody, county health officers in charge, recorded seventeen children examined. The next clinic will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 9.

To make your car last, have the engine turned every six months.

## Schools Vote To Consolidate

Mountain View school district No. 21 consolidated with Olney district No. 11 by an overwhelming majority in a school election of both districts on April 24.

The total vote in both districts was 56. Forty-eight ballots were cast for the consolidation, which has been voted down several times previously, first by one district and then the other.

Mountain View school had a one-room building. Consolidation will put the Olney two-room building into use by students of both districts. Enrollment at Mountain View school this year is about 20; that of Olney is 36.

## Child Health Meetings Set

Child health will be emphasized at meetings for children and adults next Tuesday in Astoria and Seaside, it was announced today by the Clatsop county health department which is collaborating with the Clatsop County Public Health association and the nutrition council in arranging the programs.

The Astoria meeting will be at 3 p. m. in the Lewis and Clark junior high school. The Seaside meeting will be at 8 p. m. in Central school.

**Youths Help**

Programs for both meetings will be largely conducted by young people of the communities, according to Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health doctor. Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves, Boy Scouts and 4-H club members will participate in the programs, part of which will be musical.

Nutrition will be stressed as the foundation of child health. Mrs. Laura P. Wells, consulting nutritionist of the state board of health, will be guest speaker. A team of 4-H club members will demonstrate use of milk products, and a moving picture will be shown.

These meetings are part of a nation-wide child health program. The president of the United States annually proclaims May 1 as Child Health day, Dr. Scoville said.

## DO GOOD JOB WHEN YOU CLEAN CLAMS

The public has again been warned that clams must be cleaned in such a way as to eliminate all black particles, according to Verne Reierson, county sanitarian. If this is done, he said, all danger from clams will be removed.

The warning is issued in the hope of preventing any chance of poisoning such as has occurred in the past. Signs of disease have not yet appeared in tests made on clams dug in this area. No clams can be offered for sale to the public without being cleaned, he pointed out.

## Health Exams Planned For Food Handlers

Health examinations for food handlers and other workers coming in close contact with the public will be made in Seaside under the direction of the U. S. public health service, it has been announced. The work is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville of the public health service, who is acting as county health officer.

Tests and laboratory measures will be taken to determine the possible presence of tuberculosis venereal diseases, typhoid fever and other intestinal infections. One case of active tuberculosis has already been uncovered in Seaside and the person involved is now under suitable medical treatment.

As a result of the campaign both the public and the employee will be benefited, according to Dr. Scoville. Chance for the spread of disease will be mitigated and those examined will have the advantage of tests which will give them an understanding of their own health and perhaps save them from serious disability resulting from an unsuspected disease.

## Letters To The Editor

SIRS:

In regard to your editorial the facts of Seaside's sewage plant, published April 20, 1944, I wish to express this office's pleasure and congratulate you on the fine and sensible manner in which it was presented. Every point declared by your article is sound and should disarm those "misinformed people." With a conservative outlook, I think it could well be stated that without the plant in operation the City of Seaside and its resort attractions, mainly the beach area, would suffer. With an increase of residents and tourists, both in the winter and summer season these past few years, it is possible the beach and river areas would have been prohibited for bathing use. Therefore, too much emphasis cannot be given to a post war project that will include the construction of storm sewers and new lines to the unserved parts of the city.

You have a progressive and practical city council, and they will not let the problems of community sanitation escape their attention, I am sure.

I am sending the clipping of this editorial to M. K. Spies, Acting State Sanitary Engineer Oregon State Board of Health, so that he will also be informed of the situation here in Seaside as presented by you.

Yours very truly,
VERNE C. REIERSON
Clatsop County Sanitarian

We have had the o



of reading your lead editorial entitled "Here are the Facts Concerning the Sewage Disposal Plant" as published in your paper on April 20, 1944.

We wish to take this opportunity to add our expression of gratitude to that of the Clatsop County Health department for the manner in which this editorial was presented. It represents an excellent understanding of the actual facts of the local problems involved.

Very truly yours,
DIVISION OF SANITARY ENGINEERING
Kenneth H. Spies
Acting State Sanitary Engineer

## CHILD HEALTH DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Observance of child health is planned at a meeting scheduled for the Central school at 8 p. m. May 2, it has been announced. The meeting will be sponsored by the Clatsop county health department in collaboration with the Clatsop County Health Association and Nutrition council. Mrs. Laura P. Wells, consulting nutritionist of the Oregon state board of health, will be the guest speaker. A film will be shown and an unusual demonstration of milk products given by a team from one of the 4-H clubs.

While the meeting will be largely conducted by the young people, adults are cordially invited to attend. May 1 is designated child health day by proclamation of the president of the United States and is observed throughout the nation.

## Child Health Day Talk Due

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# Youths Give Entertainment For Health Day Tuesday

May 4

Child Health day is to be celebrated in Clatsop county Tuesday with two meetings open to the public. The afternoon meeting will be held at 3 at Lewis and Clark junior high school and the evening meeting at 8 at the Seaside central school.

Mrs. Laura P. Wells, nutrition consultant for the Oregon state board of health will speak at both meetings and a food demonstration will be given at each by a team from the 4-H club, composed of Ethel Mae Kamera and Maxine Martin under the leadership of Mrs. Arthur Filliger.

**At Meeting**

A number of community organizations interested in young people's health and activities will be represented by a member at both meetings, as follows:

County Health department by Dorothea H. Scoville, M. D.; County Public Health association by Mrs. Harvey Abel; County 4-H clubs by Don Jossy, County nutrition council by Mrs. A. Zundel; County schools by Miss Anne Lewis; County probation by Mrs. Rose Reith; County welfare commission by Miss M. Hanna; County P-TA by Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom; Girl Scouts by Mrs. A. Van Dusen; Boy Scouts by Myron Jones; Girl Reserves by Mrs. R. C. Hopson, and Astoria schools by A. C. Hampton.

**Two Programs**

In Astoria William Brooks' Scout Troop No. 269 will present the color guard. Mrs. Hopson's Tri-Y group will present two short skits, showing Mary Lou Bakkenson, Jean Walker, Dorothy Kankkonen, Annie Jean Jarvis and Mary Williams. Mrs. S. C. Green's Girl Scout Troop No. 10 will give a skit with Carol Johnson, LeVerne Kelly, Paula Beyer, Evelyn Nygaard, Sue Kearney, Barbara Williams, Joyce Welch, Virginia Sivant, Gerald Nelson, Joyce Widen, Barbara Bowerman and Mary Jo Seaborg.

In Seaside there will be musical numbers by the glee clubs of the two schools and numbers presented by the Girl and Boy Scouts. The chairman of the Seaside meeting will be Donald Hickerson, president of student government at the Seaside high school.

# Public Health Topic Of Health Officer

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Doctor Dorothea H. Scoville, county health doctor, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Seaside Kiwanis club, held Tuesday evening at the Community Methodist church, when mothers were honored by the club. Each mother present was introduced and presented with a corsage of carnations. Two vocal numbers, "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Dvorak, and "When a Man Comes Home" by Oscar Fox, were sung by Gault Patton, accompanied by Mrs. Patton.

Dr. Scoville, in speaking of the work of the health office, congratulated Seaside upon the quality of its milk, and upon the sewage disposal plant. She told of examining mosquitoes found in old wells and swampy spots about the county for disease, declaring that nothing had been found, but that the inspection would continue. Dr. Scoville insisted that something should be done to eliminate the rats, which are very prevalent about the county. In conclusion Dr. Scoville discussed the work accomplished by the health office in examining for tuberculosis and progress made toward eliminating social diseases.

Dan Callahan, motor machinist's mate, in the U. S. navy, who is visiting in the city on a month leave, was introduced, and responded with a few words.

# Health Officials Home From Meet

Dr. Dorothea J Scoville, county health officer, Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, Miss Ethel Gunderson, county public health nurse and Mrs. Lillian McCarthy, department secretary attended the three-day public health meeting last week-end in Portland. Reierson, president of the sanitarians' association was prominent at the conference.

The Clatsop county delegation reported that one of the most dynamic speakers was Dr. Karl F. Meyer, director of the Hooper institute, University of California, who urged greater vigilance in guarding against infectious disease. He stressed the danger of streptococcus infections causing permanent disability and warned against needless spreading of all throat infections because of insufficient isolation. He also emphasized the absolute necessity of pasteurizing all milk supplies.

Among the speakers were Dr. G. Trimble, M. D., lung specialist from Oakland, Cal., and Dr. Carl Buck of the American Public Health association.

# Health Group Plans For Mass X-Rays

June 3 '40

A committee on organization for mass X-rays was appointed at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Clatsop County Public Health association Thursday evening according to Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary.

The committee, which will study the intensive planning necessary for such a program consists of Eli McConkey, labor; Earl Ebersole, business and Lou Greenwood, industrial management. The new mobile X-ray unit which was recently purchased by the Oregon Tuberculosis association with which all public health associations are affiliated, is expected to be ready for operation sometimes this coming fall. About three hundred persons a day can be examined since the trailer-type unit has all the facilities necessary including dressing rooms.

**Sent To Doctor**

All persons whose X-rays show suspicious signs will be referred to their family physician with the local health department under the direction of Dr. Dorothea Scoville, health officer, supervising the follow-up work.

Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom was appointed chairman of the membership committee and letters have already been sent to more than 50 organizations inviting them to become associated in the promotion of health work in the county. Individual memberships are also welcomed, the dues being only 25 cents per year.

**Report Meeting**

Reports from delegates to the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association were also heard. William Seeborg, president of the local association announces that committees are now being organized in six county areas. These committees will be affiliated with the county organization as local health committees and will help in the organization of various health work.

Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association will be the speaker at the July meeting which will be open to the public. Further details of this meeting will be announced later.

May 3

# Nutrition Need Gets Talk Stress

Nutrition should be stressed now more than ever, according to Mrs. Laura P. Wells, nutrition consultant for the Oregon state board of health, who spoke Tuesday in Child Health day meetings at Lewis and Clark junior high school and at the Seaside Central school, with both adults and young people in attendance.

Mrs. Wells' thesis was that although women, even mothers, are participating in industrial and service work outside the home, children must be properly fed and not left to plan their own eating and fend for themselves. The reason: health is more important in war time because medical and nursing staffs are shorthanded and prevention of sickness is more easily accomplished than cured.

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health doctor who arranged the meetings, commended 4-H club representatives Maxine Martin and Ethel Mae Kamera for the food demonstration which they presented at both meetings. She added that Marion Sorensen and Donald Hickerson presided over the meetings in Astoria and Seaside respectively.

# Clams Safe If Black Removed

Clatsop county's sanitarian, Verne Reierson, today clarified the present clam situation, indicating that proper precautions will make clams dug during immediately approaching favorable tides edible and harmless.

Reierson said that if all black particles are cleaned from the clams they may be eaten without harm. Signs of disease have not yet appeared, according to Reierson, who plans periodic checks and testing of clams in this area. No clams may be offered for sale before they are cleaned.

# Health Meeting On P.-T.A. Slate

BROWNSMEAD, (Special)—The local P-TA will meet Thursday evening, May 11, instead of the usual meeting day of the second Monday of the month. Dr. Dorothea Scoville of the Clatsop county health department and Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the Clatsop County Health association will attend the meeting. The doctor will talk on "Child Health" and Mrs. Abel will show films on health, namely, 'Man Against Microbe" and "Another to Conquer." The last named film was made on the Navajo reservation. Anyone interested in child health is invited to the meeting which will be held at the school house. A potluck supper will be served.

The Brownsmead school will close for the current school year on May 19.

# Health Officials Attend Meeting

May 23

Representatives of the Clatsop County Public Health association and the county health department will attending meetings of the annual conference of city and county health officers in Portland Thursday through Saturday. Featured speaker at the conference will be Dr. Arthur Massey, health officer from Coventry, England.

In connection with the conference, the Oregon Tuberculosis association, the Oregon Health Officer's association, the State Organization for Public Health Nursing and the Oregon Association of Sanitarians will hold annual meetings.

Those attending from this county are Rev. H. F. Truscott, Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom, Harold Dishaw, Eli McConkey, Mrs. Floyd Reith, Mrs. Joe Johnson, William Seeborg, Mrs. Harvey Abel, Mrs. Vincent Kearney, Rex Pratt, Mrs. Leo Quarles of Westport and Lee Worden of Jewell, Dr. Dorothea Scovill, County Sanitarian Verne Reierson, Mrs. Lillian McCarthy and Miss Ethel Gunderson.

# Malaria No Menace Here

No danger of a malaria menace exists in this area, it was announced this week by Verne Reierson, county sanitarian.

Reierson's statement was based on findings made last week when W. Frohne, sanitary engineer from the regional office of the U. S. public health service, and R. Rosentsiel, sanitarian loaned to Oregon by the U. S. public health service, with help from the county health doctor and sanitarian, surveyed the locality.

**Examine Mosquitoes**

Twenty-six station examinations for malarial carrier mosquitoes were made in and around the U. S. naval hospital. In the 26 tests, only one adult mosquito with malaria carrier capabilities was found, Reierson reported. Few signs of such carrier potentialities were found in the developing stages. Most of the mosquitoes here now are only of the pest type according to the sanitarian.

Environmental conditions in the county such as the fact that the water level varies with the tides and tide-box action and aid mosquito control. Mosquitoes must have quiet, stable water lines for breeding. Temperate climate also aids control, Reierson said.

Further surveys will be made throughout the summer.

Reierson said that medical records show that no malaria is attributable to this vicinity in the past.

The programs are arranged through cooperation with the Clatsop County [illegible] and the county school department. Mrs. Peck writes and presents the scripts. She was active in the radio work for the salvage drive.

**Health Workers Here**

Miss Ethel Mealey, educational consultant of the state health department, and Miss Catherine Webster, consultant in public health nursing for the state health department, are visiting the county health department this week.

# County Ups New Budget By $16,053

County budget requests for 1944-45, scheduled to go to the taxpayers' meeting July 12, are $16,053.55 higher than last year. The requested budget totalling $205,342.55, was drawn up at a meeting of the county court with the advisory budget committee Tuesday.

This budget increase will make no noticeable difference in the taxation, amounting to only about one mill per taxpayer, according to County Commissioner James Elliott.

Major increases come under relief for dependents and current expenses. The request for dependents' relief is $3050 above last year. The welfare commission asks this increase for old age assistance.

**Tax Rebates**

An additional $9200 is allowed by the budget requests under current expenses for payment of rebates on taxes. This raises the fund for rebates from $5000 of last year to $14,000, and is necessary to meet increased demands coming through prompt payment of taxes, according to County Judge Guy Boyington.

Allowance for the pioneer cemetery was increased by $2800, raising the total cemetery budget for 1944-45 to $3000. This sum will cover survey, plotting and planning work preparatory for conversion of the spot into a pioneer memorial following the war.

**More For Health**

An $890 increase was also made in the health department budget, primarily to raise the department's salaries up to state standards.

While this budget is over $16,000 larger than last year, it is only $8,716.55 above the 1942-43 budget. Last year's budget was the lowest of any for over 10 preceding years.

The committee which met with the court in advisory capacity consisted of Sverre Halsan as chairman, H. O. McEntire as secretary and David Waterhouse.

# Lions Hear Of Health Program

6-20-44

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, was the honor guest and speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of the Astoria Lions club at Club 13 along with Ben Coleman and William Seeborg, who presented special films showing the progress of the health program in the state and war pictures sponsored by state officials of the fifth war loan committee.

It was voted at the meeting of the service clubbers to sponsor salvaging of the waste paper accumulation at the corner of Sixteenth and Commercial streets and prepare the paper for shipping to Longview. It is believed that there are about 45 tons of material suitable for paper manfacture in the Commercial street deposit .

## WELL-CHILD CLINIC - TO BE CONTINUED THROUGH SUMMER

6-20-44

The well-child clinic, which has been held locally under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's club, will continue during the summer months and through the year, according to a vote of the membership at a special club meeting held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Willard Friesen, new president. Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurse, spoke to the group on the advantages of the clinic for the pre-school child. The next clinic will be held Tuesday, July 18, at the Woman's clubhouse.

**Mrs. Clayton Gore of the Junior Woman's club will work with the examining physician and nurse, and may be called for appointment.**

**Communicable Disease**

Four cases of communicable disease were reported for the first time in Clatsop county during the week ending June 17. Two of the cases were mumps, one each of measles and gonorrhea. Eighty-one per cent of the doctors reported.

**Doctor Visits**

Dr. Harold Erickson, assistant state health officer, made a routine visit to the county health department this week, checking and conferring with the department's staff.

**Weekend Visitors**

Mrs. Eileen Cummings and Mrs. Echtle, public health nurses from Vancouver department of public health, will be guests of the county health department this weekend.

# Dairy Herds, Milk Quality High Here

The vital process of milk production, from cow to bottle, was reviewed by speakers at the Astoria chamber of commerce's 10th annual dairy day luncheon at Amato's supper club Wednesday noon.

The program was arranged by Eugene Chadwick, city milk inspector, and included speakers on several phases of milk production. Dr. J. F. Rankin, one of the state's best-known veterinarians, discussed improvement of quality in dairy herds here, and the leadership of the county in obtaining accredited status in eradication of diseases.

**Raise Own Feed**

Afton Zundel, county agent, said the acceptance of grass silage in feed manufacture and improvement of pasture care are moving the local dairy industry toward the enviable position of providing most of their own stock feeds, without undue requirements of purchasing outside hay or protein concentrates.

William Jocelyn, Richard Meissinger and Mark Johnson all producers discussed briefly that end of the milk-producing process. Emil Bjork, manager of the Larson dairy, spoke on the necessity for maintaining high-quality processed milk for the consumer. J. W. Burke, laboratory technician at St. Mary's hospital, who conducts bacteria and pasteurization tests on local milk, said that whereas some localities produce milk that is in fact mere "bacterial soup," Clatsop milk is superior and clean.

**Praises Industry**

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, U. S. public health officer on loan to the county, was among speakers who congratulated the dairy industry on its high sanitation standards.

"Rosebud" Marriott, who as a member of the Astoria milk drivers' union, was one of the original sponsors of the milk fund jamboree and the general idea of milk for undernourished or underprivileged children, discussed history of the movement to assist purchase and distribution of free or cheap milk to youngsters in Clatsop schools.

Final speaker was County Judge Guy Boyington, who, speaking as a consumer, offered the public's congratulations to the dairy industry for the excellence of their service to the public.

Seaside chamber of commerce officials, the Astoria Rotary club and guests from widely scattered points in the county, attended the meeting, which was presided over by Don Mitchell, president of the Astoria chamber of commerce, with Chadwick acting as toastmaster.

# Youths Win Health Contest

BROWNSMEAD, (Special)—Top scores in the Brownsmead school Health club were won by Velma Barendse and Norman Riikonen, according to examinations made by Dr. Dorothea Scoville, of the county health department. They will compete for county honors at the 4-H club fair in August.

# Food People Get Health Exams Here

About 90 per cent of the food handlers in Astoria and Seaside have been given thorough health examinations during the past few months, through the cooperation of Dr. Nellie Vernon, Astoria health officer and Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer. Results include discovery of three active cases of tuberculosis.

The examinations check particularly for tuberculosis, intestinal infections, venereal disease, Dr. Scoville said. She stressed that except in the case of tuberculosis, there is no reason why employes cannot continue their work during treatment.

**From Health Point**

"We try to make it plain that we are interested in the health of the food handlers and are not police out to line them up," Dr. Scoville explained. The examinations give us a pretty complete coverage of things that are a menace both to the public and food handlers themselves.

Two of the cases of tuberculosis discovered were in Seaside, one in Astoria, and all have been removed from employment, Dr. Scoville said. Reports on Astoria examinations are not yet complete.

**Check Supplies**

One case of syphilis infection in the mouth was found in a food handler through these checks and has been satisfactorily treated according to Dr. Scoville's report.

Trench mouth, a thing Dr. Scoville said is serious in a minor way, is also covered by the examinations. The doctor reported that one local physician has said that he sees many cases of trench mouth in his practice.

Main difficulty in examining food handlers is the transient character of restaurant workers, according to Dr. Scoville. The workers come and go so frequently that it is difficult to examine them all.

**Handling Dishes**

Dr. Scoville said that food handlers classes are being considered. She pointed out that clean and sterile dishes can be infected by incorrect handling, a thing many people do not realize.

She also expressed interest in the passing of a standard restaurant ordinance here. Such an ordinance, she emphasized, would put the city on a high level, reacting on public relations as does a good rating for milk.

We have been delighted with the cooperation given by both food handlers and management. We feel that a friendly relationship has been established.

**Communicable Disease**

Seven cases of communicable disease were reported for the first time in Clatsop county during the week ending June 24. They were as follows: three, measles; and one each of tuberculosis, chicken pox, mumps and gonorrhea.

6-30-44

# Swim Pool Now Class A

Tapiola park swimming pool opened today, for the first time furnishing warm water outdoor swimming for Astorians. Intallation of a complete heating, chlorinating and filter system this spring culminated three years' cooperative community effort in building the pool.

Tapiola pool now has a Class A rating, placing it among the best swimming tanks in the state, according to Verne Reierson, county sanitarian.

**Purify Water**

Water is chlorinated before it passes through the filters and is reheated as it re-enters the pool. Reierson explained that this system makes the chlorine less obvious to swimmers and yet is fully effective in purifying the water for swimming.

"The equipment in the pool is the best that can be found even in normal times," Reirson commented.

The sanitarian commended the West End people, who were largely instrumental in construction of the pool, emphasizing that they had stuck with the project for three years even during war time.

**Real Accomplishment**

"In completing this swimming tank, Astoria has done something that no other city in Oregon has been able to do," he stated.

Reierson explained that the pool was begun in spring 1941 by a group of active West Enders. It was built largely by individual donations both of labor and money. Much of the construction was financed by the will of the late Charles Niemi. The city now owns and manages the pool.

Mrs. Edith Dahl will be life guard at Tapiola this summer, with Roger Brooks assisting. William Gustafson will be engineer, under direction of H. M. McCallister, superintendent of streets and parks.

# FDR Signs Public Health Service Bill

WASHINGTON. (U.P.)—President Roosevelt, signing legislation to expand the United States public health service and the United States public establishment of a war and postwar program of disease prevention was a sound investment with dividends "payable in human life."

The bill provides for a national tuberculosis program, the commissioning of public health service nurses similar to army and navy nurses and increased grants to states for general public health work. It also authorizes grants for health research by public or private institutions.

# Child Clinic Set Tuesday

HAMMOND. (Special)—A well baby clinic, sponsored by the Hammond-Fort Stevens P-TA will be held at the town hall on Tuesday, July 25, at 1:30. All children under 6 will be given free examination as well as several prevention serums and vaccination by Dr. Dorothea Scoville, assisted by Mrs. Ida Anderson.

# Health Meet Due At Labor Temple

7-5-44

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will speak at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Labor temple to union members and leaders, members of the county public health association and representatives of local civic and fraternal organizations which recently affiliated with the associaton.

Mrs. Dunbar, also past national president of the American Federation of Women's clubs, will explain the state tuberculosis association's mass X-ray system. The meeting will discuss Clatsop county's participation in that program.

# County Buaget OK'd Wednesday

7-13-44

The Clatsop county budget for 1944-45 was approved Wednesday published following the final taxpayers' meeting with the county court. The budget totals $205,342.55, an increase of $16,053.55 over last year's, but will make a difference of little more than 1 mill per taxpayer.

There was some comment at the meeting on the gradual increase in old age assistance, prime factor in the budget rise. This was attributed to the higher cost of living, but the meeting passed a resolution that the county welfare commission investigate all cases thoroughly so that only those entitled to assistance will receive it at the taxpayers' expense.

Over a dozen taxpayers attended the meeting, coming from Seaside and Gearhart as well as Astoria.

# Children's Dept. Flavel Building

7-19-1944

A children's corner overlooking the city and the river is the newest feature in the county health department's waiting room in the Flavel building.

To accommodate a large part of the department's clients, the corner will be fitted with toys and little chairs.

The department now seeks one item, a rocking horse, to add to its present collection, Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, expressed hope this may be found in some home in the county.

Dr. Scoville explained the special children's nook is planned to make children's visits pleasant. She said she thinks it important to teach children that a doctor is not just someone who "sticks them with needles."

# Child Clinic Comes Tuesday

SEASIDE. (Special)—The baby clinic, held monthly under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's club, will be held Tuesday afternoon, July 18, at the Woman's clubhouse on Second avenue, between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. The clinic is held each third Tuesday of the month, with Dr. Dorothea Scoville as examining physician.

All children under six years of age are given free examination as well as several prevention serums and vaccination.

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Dr. Scoville, county health oficer, is from New London, Connecticut, and holds the rank of major in the U. S. health service. She is assisted by Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurse.

All children under six years of age are given free examination, as well as several preventive serums, and vaccination, when desired by the parents. Appointment may be made by calling 302-M, or calling at the clinic during the specified hours.

**Communicable Disease**

The six cases of communicable disease reported in Clatsop county during the week ending July 8 were as follows: two of measles, two of gonorrhea, and one each of whooping cough and tuberculosis.

# Hospital Board Organized

## Hopes Held For Early Construction; Site On South Downing Chosen For Cement Structure

In an effort to speed up the process of the construction of the new city hospital, members of the hospital board, named by the mayor but not yet confirmed by the council, held an organization meeting Monday night with the hope that it will be possible to ask for bids on the hospital building some time next fall. The names of the members of the board will be presented to the council for confirmation at the meeting next Monday with the probability that all will be confirmed as a matter of routine.

**The board will consist of the members of the committee originally named by the mayor, plus two new members. The list includes Arthur Graham, for a six-year term; Gault Patton, two-year term; Mrs. Irving C. Allen, seven-year term; Jens Lerback, four-year term; Baltis Allen, one - year term; Mrs. Mabel Hilde, three - year term, and Mrs. George Gray, five-year term. The term of one member of the board will expire each year. Terms were determined by lot. Graham was named chairman of the board, to act until the institution was in operation, and Patton was elected secretary.**

The first problem before the board was the selection of a site and it is expected that a tract of land owned by the city on south Downing street, between Avenues N and Q, will be used. This tract has a frontage on the east side of Downing street of 517 feet, with a depth of 217 feet. It is accessible to the beach and on a paved street within walking distance of the business district.

**Construction Possible**

It is the opinion of members of the board that construction of the building, to be built of concrete, can be started before the end of the war, and possibly this winter. There will be but a small amount of lumber used in the building and it is expected that there will be no trouble in obtaining it. There are no restrictions on the use of concrete and concrete can be handled with a minimum of skilled labor. So far as costs are concerned it is believed that they are as low now as they will be for some time following the war and that there will be no object in waiting. The board has been advised that it can expect a number of bids on such a building this fall.

Under the terms of the charter amendment passed by the voters at the last election the hospital board will have a total of $65,000 to spend. Of this amount between $35,000 and $40,000 will be available for the structure, and the balance for equipment and a small operating fund.

Before bids can be called, however, the board will have to obtain completed plans and several architects will probably be consulted. A preliminary drawing has been provided by K. A. Roald, Portland architect. Before plans are finally adopted the board expects to make a trip to Portland and Vancouver to inspect new hospitals.

**No action has been taken toward the issue of the bonds authorized by the voters. That, however, can be accomplished with little difficulty and it is expected that the city will obtain a very low interest rate, as its financial standing is unusually high at the present time.**

# 30 Groups Aid Health Program

8-3-44

That nearly 30 county organizations have become members of the Caltsop County Public Health association was revealed by the report of Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom, membership chairman, at the regular meeting of the association in the YWCA on Thursday.

Oother committee reports included statements on recreation work by Dr. R. W. Kullberg and education by Harold Dishaw.

Routine business was carried on at the meeting over which the president, William Seeborg, presided. Various representatives from local civic and fraternal organizations were introduced. Dr. Scoville, county health officer, addressed the group on the incidence of tuberculosis in this county.

# Shortage Of Housing To Continue

8-3-44

## Naval Activity In Area Makes Sure Continued Crisis In Housing With No Relief In Prospect

The demand for housing on the part of navy officers and members of their families will increase, rather than decrease, during the immediate future, according to information received this week from navy sources. This is a definite answer to a question which has been of unusual interest here since the completion of the aircraft carrier program.

**The new commissioning program to be carried out at naval installations at Astoria will create a situation somewhat the same, but perhaps not so serious, as that brought about by the carrier program. The operation of the airport will place an even greater strain on housing accomodations than in the past, and another installation, the navy hospital, will add to the demand for housing.**

Under the circumstances the people of Seaside can anticipate that the housing shortage which has existed since the Astoria airport was activated more than a year ago will continue. How long it will continue is anyone's guess, but at least there is no immediate prospect of relief.

**Transports Next**

The commissioning program involves the commissioning of 65 transports, to be built in Portland and brought down to Astoria. The program is somewhat similar to the carrier program and the number of men and officers involved will be roughly the same. One factor, however, will mitigate the difficulty somewhat, and that is the fact that officers and crews assigned to the transports will not be in this area for as great a length of time as were the carrier officers and crews. In other words they will reach the district a very short time before their ships sail.

Under these conditions fewer officers will want housing in the form of apartments and cottages and more of them will be satisfied with rooms. It may also turn out that fewer of them will bring their families into the area.

The operation of the airport will increase, rather than reduce the demand for housing. It has been the airport which has caused most of the housing difficulty here and information received by the Signal indicates that there will be no relief, and that it is probable that conditions will become worse. A check on the present complIment of officers of the airport indicates that a number who have not done so already expect to bring their families into the area. They will be here for a period of time, certain to result in a demand for cottages and apartments.

**Hospital Factor**

There is a third factor which so far has had little influence on the housing situation, and that is the new hospital being built near Astoria. In the first place the hospital will have a large staff, both of enlisted and officer personnel. Many of these will require housing away from the installation. In the second place the presence here of many patients is certain to bring to the area families of men confined at the hospital. These people will want housing for short periods, for the most part. As the hospital is at considerable distance from Seaside it is probable that its effect will be felt more seriously in Astoria than in Seaside.

**At the present time navy personnel are occupying many of the apartments at the federal housing project near the airport, a fact which has helped materially in solving the shortage. At the same time it is likely that there will be an announcement soon concerning another organization which will result in some reduction in the need for housing.**

But one thing is certain. Seaside, and the whole lower Columbia area, will continue to be crowded and that the housing shortage will be with us for the immediate future. How long this will continue is anyone's guess.

# Jar Defects Cause Spoilage In Canning Says Dr. Scoville, Gives Hints On Preserving

9-7-41

Because American homemakers are asked to conserve all the food possible this year, and because the rate of spoilage among amateur and experienced canners last year was high, Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, today issued hints and instructions for successful canning.

Dr. Scoville pointed out that government reports indicate an expected decrease in the supply of canned foods on the market this year. She said that although more food was canned last year than ever before in our history, much spoiled. One state survey showed that 2,200,000 of the 150,000,000 quarts of canned food spoiled.

To prevent previous errors and to protect the public's health Dr. Scoville passed on the following suggestions, made by the nutrition consultant of the state board of health.

1. Inspect all jars and lids carefully in order to be sure that they are free from nicks and defects.
2. Use new rubbers and new disks for the metal lids edged with sealing compound.
3. Follow the instructions of the jar manufacturers for sterilizing jars.
4. Use only fresh foods; never can wilted, over-ripe or partly spoiled foods.
5. Never prepare more than your canner will hold; food spoils if it stands too long; work fast in order to can freshness.
6. Don't pack too tight, especially corn or greens because tightly packed jars heat through too slowly and the food may not be adequately cooked.

Dr. Scoville said that last year's greatest spoilage occurred in canned corn, but there was also a great loss of fruit and tomatoes which are readily processed and usually give little trouble. The most common causes given for spoilage were defective jars usually with some undisclosed nicks about the top or the lids, old lids, and failure to seal of the disk type lids. Housewives gave these causes, "poor produce to start with," "stood too long before canning" and "not cooked enough."

**Get Reliable Data**

"Many people rely upon neighbors or friends for canning instructions," said Dr. Scoville, "instead, they should get reliable time tables and follow them to the minute. These may be obtained from the county agricultural agent's office.

The health officer said that all jars should be tested for sealing as soon as the jars are cold. She stressed that the seal of jars is often broken by standing them on their heads while hot, a practice now generally discouraged and never advisable with flat metal lids edged with sealing compound.

**Oven Canning Bad**

The practice of oven canning has been condemned by the best authorities on canning and nutrition, according to Dr. Scoville. She said that dry oven heat often melts the sealing compound causing jars to seal too quickly and explode. With dry heat it is also difficult to maintain oven temperature within jars.

Concerning the water bath for canning vegetables, Dr. Scoville said, "All fruits and tomatoes may be safely canned with the water bath. Alkaline vegetables ,such as peas, beans and corn are much more difficult to conserve. While many families have successfully used the water bath for years, the pressure cooker is the only method advised for these foods."

The doctor stressed that microorganisms causing botulism are found in the Oregon soil. Because these organisms produce spores which are highly resistant to heat, danger of botulism cannot be avoided without pressure cookers for alkaline vegetables.

# Site For Hospital Is Chosen

## Cartwright aPrk To Be Used For Location Of Proposed City Hospital; Improvements Planned

A site in Cartwright Park, on the bank of the Necanicum river at Avenue S, will be used for the proposed city hospital, according to a decision reached Friday at a meeting of the hospital board. Other sites were considered but for one reason or another it was finally decided to locate the hospital at the park location.

**As part of the plan Avenue S will probably be improved from the Prom to Franklin, and Franklin from Avenue U to Avenue S. Petitions for the improvement of Franklin are already being circulated and the city council is expected to initiate the improvement of Avenue S.**

At the present time the members of the hospital board hope to be able to call for bids on the structure before the end of the year. They have received encouraging information to the effect that building contractors expect a lull in building during the next few months and they believe that a number of building concerns will be interested. There will probably be no difficulty in obtaining materials, or at least the materials needed to erect the building, as it will contain little except concrete.

**Site Attractive**

With the improvement of Avenue S and Franklin, by paving them to their full width of 40 feet, including sidewalks, the proposed site will be accessible. It is also desirable from the standpoint of attractiveness, as it will be on the river with a large area surrounding it suitable for landscaping.

A copy of the proposed contract has been received from Knud Roald, architect, to be presented at the next meeting of the city council. The contract will provide for the completion of plans and for supervision of construction. Roald will draw several floor plans, one of which will be accepted after consultation with physicians and inspection of several small hospitals in the Vancouver area.

**In the meantime there have been several offers of assistance by organizations and individuals in equipping the hospital. Lodges and similar groups are making plans for raising money for the hospital and it is believed that the institution will benefit materially from some of the plans now being worked out.**

# Berg Tells Of Polio

In discussing poliomyelitis before over 20 members of the Clatsop County Public Health association Thursday evening, Dr. E. E. Berg said control measures are difficult because of the large incidence of cases too mild to be recognized as infantile paralysis.

Saying that so far no proven method of control has been devised, Berg advised parents to keep young children away from crowds and to practice good sanitation.

He said that under three years of age more children have died from whooping cough than from poliomyelitis. He added that from a standpoint of deaths, infantile paralysis is not as serious as tuberculosis or venereal diseases.

The doctor discussed the Kenney method of treatment of infantile paralysis, which he studied under Sister Kenney. He considers this the best method of treatment devised so far for persons paralyzed by the disease.

**Health Exam**

All school children entering the first grade this year are invited to report to the Clatsop county health department in the Flavel building for a physical examination before entering school, if this examination has not already been given them this summer. This examination will be held on Monday afternoon, September 18, between 1 and 2:30 in the afternoon, according to Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer.

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# Health Record Shows Diseases

The communicable disease report of the Oregon state health department for the week ending September 9 showed the following new cases reported from Clatsop county: five whooping cough, five chicken pox, one poliomyelitis, two syphilis and four gonorrhea. This report however, was compiled from only 62 per cent of Clatsop's physicians reporting.

Clatsop county's births for the first six months of 1941 were below those of the same period in 1943—302 to 312. Deaths for the period in review were 166 for 1943 and 160 this year.

# Reierson Asks Calls On Rats

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, today asked all Astorians to check their residences for presence of rats and to call the health office for rat control work if it is needed.

"Now that fall is here, rats will tend to move into houses and buildings for shelter," he warned.

Reierson said he has just completed a full survey of all the water front area and the business district between Bond and Exchange and Ninth and Fourteenth streets. This check, he states, indicated that the city's rat population is decreasing.

# Water Purity New City Plan

The Astoria city council last night accepted a report from the Portland engineering firm of John Cunningham and associates, recommending changes in the chlorination procedure for the Astoria water system and estimating the cost at about $20,000.

The city had asked for the report; and the study was made by Carl Green, one of the firm's engineers. The council asked Green to submit a contract for engineering work connected with the water system's improvement by the next council meeting November 6.

**Grants Leave**

Other action by the council:

Granted Police Sergeant Ed Hansen a year's leave of absence to permit him to assume position as a guard at the new naval hospit l

Confirmed Jack Peavey's elevation to acting sergeant and Casper Leding to captain and acting chief (Acton being on a month's leave);

Furthered vacation of parts of Twenty-second street and Duane streets;

Voted payment of $100 to Astoria Kiwanis club in payment of sum advanced to the city by the club for completion of the Astoria police radio system;

Referred to the city manager a warning by Les Plummer, citizen, that a dangerous type of fast-growing thistle is taking over property in certain parts of the city.

# Health Workers Talk Hearing, Speech Needs

An indication of increasing interest in and concern for children with speech and hearing defects was noted with approval by members of the county health department at their weekly staff meeting Monday.

Nurse Ethel Gunderson reported on a publication of the state's division of special education entitled "What Teachers Should Know About Visual and Speech Difficulties in the Classroom." Discussion of the meeting was devoted to the publication which all agreed was a step of progress.

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, recalled hearing recently that officials are considering opening the state schools for the blind and the deaf during summer vacation months to children from over the state who are hindered by speech and hearing defects.

The health department staff members stressed the importance of lip reading to hard of hearing children in their school work and the need for early correction of speech defects. They concurred that it is essential that teachers understand these problems.

# Ordinance Issue Up

A committee from the Clatsop County Public Health association will attend the next city commission meeting to ask that an adequate ordinance be adopted regulating sanitation in eating and drinking establishments in Astoria as a result of a panel discussion held Thursday night at the YMCA.

Appearing on the panel were Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer; Brewer Billie, Astoria city manager; Dr. E. E. Berg, representing the medical society; Dr. Nellie Vernon, city health officer; and Verne Reirson, county sanitarian.

**Tells Present Laws**

Reierson acted as moderator and opened the discussion with a brief summary as to what laws now govern sanitation in eating establishments and the relationship of the county sanitary department to the city and state departments. He explained that as the law now stands actual inspection of eating places is under the department of agriculture which in some cases is very erratic due to the fact that the state department has so many other functions within each county.

Reierson stated that at the next legislative session an attempt is to be made to put the department of food sanitation directly under control of the state board of health. Dr. Scoville told of her work in giving health examinations to restaurant workers and cited instances where active cases of tuberculosis and venereal disease had been found.

Taking a somewhat different slant on the problem, Dr. Berg stated that in his opinion a thorough sterilization of the dishes in public eating and drinking places is of first importance in safeguarding the health of the general public. He believes that the danger of contracting disease from poorly washed dishes is greater than possibility of restaurant help spreading infection, although he recognized the fact that ill persons have no business working around food and that they could spread their infection.

Dr. Berg also cited cases of food poisoning from bakery goods, in particular cream pies and pastries and emphasized the danger of persons with boils or skin infections handling such goods.

Dr. Berg informed his listeners that one way to better the situation in Astoria would be to have enacted an ordinance giving local health officials authority to interest themselves in the sanitation of eating places.

**City Action**

In answer to a question from the floor as to why no such ordinance was now in force Billie stated that if it was the opinion of the people of Astoria that such ordinance was needed it was their duty to appear before the city council and make their wishes known. He said that it was the duty of the city council to serve the people of Astoria, but that the people themselves must take the initiative.

The panel members took cognizance of the fact that the problems of restaurant management were intensified during these times, although no person was present to officially represent the management. Eli McConkey speaking in behalf of the culinary union assured the panel that the cooperation of the restaurant workers would be forthcoming when a solution of the problem had been reached. In addition to the panel discussion routine business of the association was carried on, President William Seeborg presiding.

# Doctor Urges Diphtheria Shots

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, referring to the present diphtheria epidemic in Washington, Friday urged that all pre-school children over 9 months of age be presented for immunication either to private physicians or to the county health department in the Flavel building.

The health officer pointed out that she has been conducting a program of immunization among children of the county's schools. She stressed, however, that it is important to have children immunized before they go to school.

Immunization will be given at the county health depart fent in the Flavel house either Wednesday, between 1 and 3 p. m., or Saturday, between 9 and 10:30 a. m.

# X-Ray Unit Due In City

Plans for the appearance of the Oregon Tuberculosis association's mobile X-ray examination unit in Astoria and Clatsop county were discussed at a dinner meeting of members of the local health association Monday noon. Attending were William Seeborg, Mrs. Frances Abel, Floyd Wright, Earl Ebersole, Dr. Dorothea Scoville and Eli McConkey. Seeborg, president of the Clatsop County Public Health association, recently returned from a meeting of state tuberculosis association directors in Portland, where it was announced that the X-ray examination unit would soon be brought to Astoria.

# Public Eats Panel Topic

Verne Reierson, county sanitarian, will conduct a panel discussion entitled "Public Eating As It Relates to Public Health," on Thursday at 8 p. m. in the YMCA as a special feature of the monthly public meeting of the Clatsop county public health association.

On the panel will be representatives of the Astoria city government, the county health department, the state health department, restaurant management and restaurant workers, the county medical society and the general public.

**Lack Knowledge**

Purpose of the discussion is purely educational, according to the health association, which believes that too few persons have a clear understanding of the laws governing public eating establishments, the problems of labor and management at this time and the function of the city and county health units relative to this problem.

Representatives of the 35 county organizations now affiliated with the health association will be present.

# Child Clinic P-TA Meet Set

BROWNSMEAD, (Special) There will be a pre-school clinic on Thursday afternoon, November 16, at the home of Mrs. Albert Barendse.

Miss Dorothea Scoville, Clatsop county health doctor, will be in charge.

# City Talks Improvement Of Water, Sanitation Plan

Informal discussion of proposed plans for drafting an ordinance governing sanitation in Astoria restaurants and eating places and an announcement by City Manager Brewer Billie that Astoria's "cloudy water" supply situation would speedily be improved, featured Monday night's meeting of the city commission.

Members of the Clatsop County Public Health association, headed by William Seeborg, president of the organization, along with Lester Plummer, representative of the local culinary alliance, were present at the commission meeting and agreed to confer with City Manager Billie in the near future regarding the provisions of the proposed sanitation measure, city fathers stand ready to enact into law.

**Up November 20**

Mayor Orval Eaton asked Seeborg and Plummer to arrange with the city manager for the conference and, if possible, have a rough draft of the measure ready for presentation to the commission on November 20.

City Manager Billie told of the steps that are being taken by city officials to arrange for the installation of new chlorinators and special water equipment to eliminate discoloration of the water supply, in evidence now for several days, and any possible impurities that may be present in the water. He said that the new equipment would be installed and in working order within six weeks.

**Lease Land**

Lease of city-owned land in the vicinity of the Astor column to navy authorities for the duration of the war was authorized by the commissioners and an ordinance vacating a portion of the plotted section of Duane street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets placed on first and second reading.

Payment of $3475 to the contracting firm of Grimstad & Vanderveldt for the installation of the new sewer line on Twenty-second street between Franklin and Irving avenues was authorized by the commissioners along with the authorization of a $386 payment to E. W. Hendrickson for repairs of the city's ornamental fence at the corner of Fifteenth street and Jerome avenue.

At the suggestion of City Treasurer Oswald Gustafson, the commissioners voted approval of a proposal to name Miss Patricia Vaughn, clerk in Gustafson's office for three months, assistant city treasurer of Astoria.

# Tacoma Battles Rats, Hopes To Prevent Bubonic Plague

BY ANN SHEPARD
United Press Staff Correspondent

TACOMA, Wash. (UP) Only one short step separates Pacific coast cities thronged with war workers and servicemen from the black death of the middle ages –bubonic plague.

Prevention of that one step the transfer of a flea from a plague-infected rat to a human being - ed evidence that northern Pacific ports harbor plague-infected rats.

**10 Infected**

Out of nearly 10,000 rats trapped in Tacoma during the past year, specimens of fleas sent from ten pools have been infected. Immediately after the first signs of plague, the city health department intensified a rat control program begun in October. Realizing the importance of the project, the U. S. employment service gave City Sanitation Engineer A. W. Green a 1-A priority to employ more rat trappers.

Today Green heads a corps of rat catchers who patrol five miles of Tacoma's 32 miles of rat-infested waterfront in an effort to block the spread of the plague-laden rats to other parts of the city.

Tacoma's crusaders against disease are not the white-jacketed, crucible-carrying Hollywood version. Instead, trappers clad in blue denims and armed with old-fashioned rat traps follow their job beneath dripping piers and rotting foundations of waterfront warehouses.

One of the trappers said he always listed his occupation as "sanitation department employe."

"People think there's something comical about catching rats for a living," he explained.

The city council found nothing humorous in the situation when they recently granted a $4500 appropriation for rodent control during the remaining two months of 1944.

**4000 Traps**

The modern pied pipers of Tacoma tend 4000 traps daily. After classification, the dead rats are sent to the city laboratory where a technician combs each rat for fleas and dissects it. The fleas and any part of the rat showing signs of infection are shipped to San Francisco to one of the only two laboratories in the United States permitted to carry on the dangerous plague work.

Sanitation Engineer Green summarized the department's problem when he pointed out that it takes only one flea to spread the disease to the human population.

In the event the flea makes those connections, federal health officers will quarantine the plague-ridden city, health officials explained. Railroads will by-pass the area and port facilities will be closed, leaving the city to face the problem of supplies and the war department to face a larger problem of military personnel and materiel blocked by the quarantine.

# Rats Increase In Oregon

PORTLAND, (UP)—A shortage of help in rodent control has led to an alarming increase in the rat population of Oregon, Dr. F. D. Stricker, the state health officer, indicated today.

Dr. Stricker said there was no danger at the moment from bubonic plague, in view of strict measures taken at waterfront docks to prevent rats from coming ashore and possibly infecting local rats. He said minor signs of the plague have been found in rats in eastern Oregon for the past several years but it has never spread to the western side of the mountains.

# Sanitation Law Action Waits; City Meet Quiet

With Mayor Orval Eaton ill in Columbia hospital and City Attorney James Hope still in the east on a business trip, routine business only was transacted at the meeting of the city commission Monday night at the city hall, presided over by Commissioner Otto Owen, acting mayor.

Drafting of the proposed new city sanitation ordinance, governing operation of Astoria restaurants and eating places, awaits the return of City Attorney Hope. Provisions of the new ordinance which presumably will be introduced at the next meeting of the commission, are understood to have been informally agreed upon by representatives of various civic groups, notably the Clatsop County Health association.

City Manager Brewer Billie told members of the commission that progress is being made in securing priorities for the purchase of new filtering equipment for the water department, installation of which will improve the quality and eliminate the present discoloration of the city's water supply.

City Commissioner-elect James Hogg was an honor guest at the meeting of the commission to which he was recently named to succeed Otto Owen.

# Sanitation Law Ready For City

11-12-44

Restaurant and tavern operators were represented Friday night, as were the culinary alliance, the county and city health departments and the city commission, at a meeting called by the Clatsop County Public Health association to discuss a proposed sanitation ordinance.

The proposed ordinance was read, discussed and approved with some minor changes. It will be presented to the city commission Monday for consideration and is expected to go up for first reading at the commission's first December meeting.

# Judge Boyington Suddenly Ill

11-16-44

Judge Guy Boyington was admitted to St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Friday night seriously ill with a bladder disorder, according to word received here this morning by Astoria relatives. Judge and Mrs. Boyington has been attending a conference of officials of the Association of Oregon Counties. Miss Mary Elizabeth Boyington, daughter of the Boyingtons and nurse at St. Mary's hospital, left this morning for Portland to be with her father, who is expected to undergo an emergency operation this afternoon.

# No Plague-Infested Rats In Astoria Now; Better Cleanup Need

With Seattle and Tacoma moving to block possibility of bubonic plague, Clatsop county's sanitarian, Verne Reierson, today stressed that no symptoms of plague infested rats have been found in this seaport town, but that the populace should take greater precaution than ever before to guard against the danger.

The plague is transmitted to man from the rat by fleas. Rats from this area were last sent for laboratory examination two years ago, however Reierson said that in his monthly check-up and eradication work since then he has found no sick or dying rats. The rats, he explained, react to the plague as do men, and the fact that no sick rats have been found would indicate the disease is not present.

TACOMA, Wash. (U.P.)—City health officials confirmed the notification that the U. S. public health service has declared the port of Tacoma to be plague infested.

Health Director Dr. C. R. Fargher pointed out that the present situation does not change Tacoma's status.

**Takes Years**

"Infected rat populations do not occur over night. It takes a period of years for plague to spread among rats," said Reierson.

He pointed out that several years ago health journals reported infected rats found in Tacoma.

Reierson said that his rat control work, performed with help from the state health department, had not diminished the rat population here but had merely controlled it. He stressed that general cleanliness is the best way to keep rats under control.

**Clean Up Premises**

The sanitarian then urged that townspeople maintain individual vigilance against rats and not depend entirely upon the health department officials. He said that individual householders can eliminate an occasional rat or two, but that when wholesale infestations occur the health department should be notified.

As one of the worst features in Astoria for attracting rats, Reierson named poor maintenance of garbage disposal, insufficient cans and throwing of garbage into vacant lots. He mentioned having visited one apartment house where the cans were filled to overflowing, bags and boxes of garbage were strewn around the cans and two large freshly gnawed holes were found in the foundation wall near the garbage cans.

He said that rats can hole-in, live long and multiply heartily in vacant lots which are overgrown with brush and berry bushes and have a handy food supply.

Chicken coops and rabbit hutches are also prominent attractions to rats in Astoria. Reierson urged that people who are bothered excessively by rats, dispose of their chickens or construct rat proof chicken houses and grain storage rooms.

Advocating constant care to keep possible food attraction for rats at a minimum, the sanitarian also suggested that when labor is available the county and private land owners should cooperate to clean up vacant lots, cutting down brush and vines so that rats will not have a harborage.

PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—Frank D. Cramphin today assumed new duties as rodent control expert of Portland, in charge of rat extermination to prevent rats from invading the Portland area and bringing bubonic plague and other diseases. Cramphin was discharged recently from the army's field sanitation and control of tropical diseases division.

# Sanitation Law Faces Council

Astoria's proposed new sanitation ordinance governing the operation of restaurants and eating houses was introduced at the meeting of the city commission Monday night.

Informal discussion but no definite action on the measure followed the reading of the lengthy document. William Seeborg, president of the Clatsop County Public Health association and Leslie Plummer, representing the Astoria Culinary alliance, both of whom have been active in promoting the new ordinance, were present at the meeting but no representatives of Astoria restaurants and eating and drinking establishments of the city.

Discussion of the various provisions of the far reaching measure and an official vote on the ordinance are scheduled for the meeting of the commission on the night of December 18.

**New Provisions**

Highlights of the new ordinance include the right of the city health officer to inspect Astoria eating houses every three months and makes it unlawful for any person to operate a restaurant within the city limits of Astoria with an unrevoked permit of the health officer.

The provisions of the ordinance regarding the sanitation of restaurant premises call for a high standard of cleanliness with special attention given the matter of food preparation and preservation by restaurant operators. Water supply in kitchens must be adequate for the proper washing of all dishes and utensils and of a safe and sanitary quality. The preparation of food in basements is frowned upon and adequate kitchen space, possibly 25 per cent of the entire floor space of all restaurants, is recommended if not demanded by the provisions of the ordinance.

**Penalties Provided**

Enforcement of the ordinance will be in the hands of the city health officer, the county health officer and deputies appointed by them. Permanent revoking of permits of any restaurant operator, charged with violation of any provisions of the new ordinance, can only become effective by vote of the city commission members. Penalty for open violation of the terms of the sanitation ordinance calls for the imposition of a fine of not less than $10 or more than $300 or imprisonment in the city jail at the discretion of judge of the municipal court of the city of Astoria. Two ordinances, governing operation of Astoria eating houses at present, will be superseded when, and if, the new measure becomes law.

# Civic, P-T.A. Groups Hear Talks On Christmas Seals

A number of civic and fraternal gatherings during the past two weeks have had on their program some feature to emphasize the annual Christmas seal sale which is now in progress and to stress its importance in the fight against tuberculosis.

A skit entitled "The Story of the Christmas Seal" was presented last evening at the Lewis and Clark junior high Parent-Teacher meeting. The script was furnished by the Clatsop Health association, and Girl Scouts Beverly Gibson, Juretta Nyland and Helen Clark took the various parts. The group was coached by Mrs. Tim deJone, member of the program committee.

**Talks To Grange**

Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the health association, spoke before the regular meeting of the Netel grange on Thursday evening, her topic being "The History of the Christmas Seal and its role in the fight against Tuberculosis." Emphasis was placed on the need for early case finding which in this county will be done by means of a mobile X-ray unit, all of which will be financed by Christmas seal funds.

During the past month, Harold Dishaw, education chairman for the health association, his shown films in the interest of the sale, and Marianna Bosshart, student in the Warrenton high school, has prepared and given talks on tuberculosis and the seal sale before the Warrenton, Lewis and Clark Consolidated, and John Jacob Astor Parent-Teacher groups.

**Seeborg Talks**

William Seeborg, president of the health association, showed films and talked before the Youngs Bay Dairy association group as well as several other local gatherings recently.

Radio talks relative to the work of the health association and the seal sale have been made by Mrs. Harvey Abel, Dr. Dorothea Scoville, William Seeborg, Mrs. Floyd Reith, Rev. J. Walton Kempe and Rev. H. F. Truscott.

Seal sale skits were also given over the radio and before the high school assembly by a group from the Deba Dram club with Miss Zoe Allen as their adviser. Girls taking part were Miss Violet Widen, Miss Jeanette Larson, Miss June Seeborg, Miss Marian Sorenson, Miss Dorothy Samuelson, Miss Mary Chrisholm, Miss Helen Mars, Miss Joyce Johnson, Miss Avis Roberts, Miss Audrey Larson and Miss Phyllis Nygaard.

# Grange Fetes Reiersons

LEWIS AND CLARK, (Special) —Verne Reierson, retiring master of Netel grange, and Mrs. Reiersen were honored guests at a dinner and program in the grange hall Saturday evening. Reierson had declined nomination for re-election because of the nearness of his induction into service and left Astoria last week for Portland and Salem where he will visit for a few days before reporting for duty at Fort Lewis.

Christmas decorations of holly, colored lights and red candles extended down the center of the tables set in a square. The accessories and menu further carried out the Christmas theme.

Seated at the head table with Mr. and Mrs Reirsen were William Larson Jr., toastmaster of the evening; Dewey Van, Mrs. Loyal Alderman, song leader; Mrs. Arvo Seppa, master elect for 1945; Mrs. H. P. Marxen, chaplain, and Arthur Johnson, assistant steward. Introduced by Larson were the following, all of whom paid brief tribute to Reiersen's leadership as master of the grange for the past two years; Dewey Van, Mrs. Arvo Seppa, Mrs. Afton Zundel, John H. Reith, Mark Johnson, Harvey Hansen and Charles Gundy.

Mrs. Alderman led the group singing, Mrs. Harold Larson accompanist. Mrs. Zundel led the quiz games and Mrs. Seppa led in stunts and games. Mr. and Mrs. Reiersen were each presented with a gift of appreciation for their work in the grange. Arthur Johnson, assistant steward, was also presented with a gift for his cooperative assistance with Reiersen.

Those assisting in the preparation and serving of the dinner included Mrs. William Larson, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. Harold Johansen, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. C. C. Gundy, Mrs. H. A. Seppa, Mrs. Alderman and Mrs. A. F. Seppa

# City Passes Sanitation Ordinance

**A new sanitation ordinance governing the operation of Astoria restaurants will become law in 30 days following passage by unanimous vote of city commissioners at their meeting Monday night. There were few revisions in the law as first presented.**

**Nearly all of Astoria's 65 restaurant operators appeared before the city fathers to have their say on the controversial provisions of the law, but despite numerous suggestions and an attempt to table the entire proceedings for the war's duration, the vote was taken.**

**Floor Space Decision**

**Elimination of the portion of the ordinance calling for a 25 per cent kitchen floor space in new restaurants and substitution of the phrase "adequate kitchen floor space" was the major change made in the measure. Revision of enforcement provisions of the ordinance were also voted by the com-**

mission [illegible] with the city health officer and city manager being named to supervise investigations and impose penalties by and with the consent of the members of the city commission.

Restaurant operators addressing the meeting included John Kuluris, Alf Dahl, Henry Arena, Oscar Gustafson and Andrew Centine. Attorney Jay Stoakman, legal counsel for a group of the restaurant men, also spoke at the meeting, along with Lester uPimmer, representing the Astoria Culinary Alliance and William Seeborg, president of the Clatsop County Public Health association.

It was immediately following the remarks of Andrew Cetina upon the proposed 25 per cent kitchen space issue, that the new ordinance had its closest call from being tabled indefinitely.

Cetina said that he had been in the restaurant business in Astoria for 40 years in both large and small establishments and gave it as his opinion that cleanliness in eating houses was not governed by the size of kitchens or even by placing [illegible]ulatory measures on the city's books. The situation today, Cetina said, is a desperate one for the restaurant operators, with help shortages on every hand. Obviously passing of new laws will be of little [illegible]ance to the hard pressed operators of eating houses, Cetina declared.

Then came the motion from Com[illegible]oner Jake Pietarila to table the ordinance with Commissioner Anton Sorenson expressing approval of the move. But no official second was forthcoming for Pietarila's motion and the discussion of the ordinance continued until the final unanimous vote was taken by the commissioners to enact the measure into law.

# 3 A-Hunting Growing Rat Colony Here

Astoria sorely needs a modern Pied Piper of Hamlin, a phantom of the catacombs and several regiments of rat terriers to deal with a swelling population of rats.

This is the opinion of Albert Swain and Roy Fugate, both of the federal fish and wildlife service in Portland, and Dr. Dorothea Scoville, Clatsop county health officer. The trio, with a canvass sack of rat poison and some flashlights, took a rat's tour of the town today, and what they found wasn't pretty.

**Rodents Gaining**

Fugate said rats gain in numbers during emergency times when human populations climb and sanitary precautions fall. He said the city of Marshfield recently reported her merchants were losing between $40,000 and $50,000 annually from rat damage. One firm there put its estimate of loss at $50 a day. This condition is not uncommon in war-crowded centers.

Dr. Scoville, Swain and Fugate took to the "underground" to examine the maze of tunnels that honeycomb substerranean Astoria under downtown streets today. They found some rat bivouacs which in rodent terms would be Savoys and Book-Cadillacs. They found rat colonies scattered plentifully, not only under the streets, but also in refuse dumps around Astoria's un-improved and bush-choked downtown vacant lots.

Dr. Scoville said she will undertake a survey of rat losses here, and will start a study on ways and means to destroy nesting grounds and dwelling places. Poison is used, but rat control needs more than poison, Dr. Scoville said. They must be destroyed at the source. She said she hopes a community project on rat control can be devised in the near future.

# Hygiene Gets Stress

F. G. Scherer, director of social hygiene education of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, speaking before the regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop County Public Health association Thursday night explained why his organization was entering the field of social hygiene education with the statement that the tuberculosis association would be the public education median to support the other agencies already in the field working on the problem of venereal disease control and social hygiene in Oregon. The program as being worked out through the local health associations will be made applicable to the needs of each particular community.

**Class Here**

Mrs. Geo. Moorehead, representing one of the official agencies in the field, namely the social hygiene division of the University of Oregon medical school, explained what is being done and what is contemplated in the way of formal teaching of this subject through the school curricula. Mrs. Moorhead emphasized that in the opinion of her division the teaching of social hygient is a problem that must be approached from many angles. She also described an academic course in "Community Health and Social Hygiene" which has been offered as an extension service from the medical school social hygiene division. The course has been offered in other counties in the state and will be given here in Astoria early in the [illegible].

Dr. R. W. Ruliberg and Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer took leading parts in the discussion which was of an informal nature.

# Erickson Left On State Health Job

SALEM. (UP) Dr. Harold M. Erickson today was acting state health office after resignation of Dr. Frederick D. Stricker who, however, will remain in office until the change is convenient.

The state health board accepted Stricker's resignation, submitted to Gov. Earl Snell, at a meeting here Tuesday, at which it was indicated that Stricker would remain in office for two or three months. Erickson, assistant state health officer, was appointed acting officer.

Resolutions passed by the board urged that Snell sponsor legislation that would give the state health department power to regulate milk sanitation and that the departments regulations be binding upon local health departments and the state department of agriculture.

Another resolution proposed that reorganization of the state board of health, asked by the legislative interim committee, be postponed two years.

# Mild Milk Law Favored

SALEM. (UP)—Dairy industry leaders yesterday told members of the senate agriculture and the house food and dairy products committees that they will seek a modified state mild pasteurization program, rather than the compulsory, all-inclusive program which presession advices indicated would be sought.

More rigid state control, under the department of agriculture, and the creation of new milk standards will be sought under the new plan, Oscar Hagg, chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon Dairymens' association, told the legislators. There would be a consolidation of responsibility for testing cattle, he said.

Both Hagg and Lyle Hammack, Portland Dairy Manufacturers' association representative, said that dairy laws should continue under the administration of the agriculture department, rather than that of the state health board.

Members of the health board maintain that it should be their province to police the milk laws, as they say they have the consumer good in mind, rather than that of the producer.

# Help Plea Out For TB Hospital

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, today said she has been asked to help the Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital find diet kitchen, main kitchen and nurses aide help in order that it may use its bed capacity to the fullest extent.

Dr. G. C. Bellinger, superintendent of the hospital, wrote Dr. Scoville that the positions will be permanent and offer educational possibilities for people interested. He said diet kitchen help could be middle-aged women if in good health and active. Each is responsible for her own diet kitchen, under direction of a highly trained, full-time dietitian. Nurses aides, he said, should be active, younger persons who have some special interest and aptitude in helping sick people. Salaries start at $75 and $85 monthly plus full maintenance, including room, board and laundry.

# County Has 7 Polio Cases

The Clatsop county infantile paralysis committee, opening its annual drive this week, looked back on a year that brought only seven polio cases to the county, but determined to jack-up infantile paralysis funds here as far as possible so that future victims may be given necessary aid. Meanwhile the state's first case of infantile paralysis for 1945 was reported from Tillamook.

**Worst Epidemic**

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, said that the seven cases of infantile paralysis reported by doctors in this county during 1944, presented no great problem, but she added that last summer America experienced the second worst epidmemic of infantile paralysis in its history.

"We cannot know when epidemic will strike here," she said, "so it is important to be prepared."

Only one of the county's victims was left with any paralysis after the disease. Two of the seven were naval patients brought from Columbia county.

**Wants To Prepare**

Verne Stratton, permanent county secretary of the infantile paralysis chapter, reported that the light incidence of the disease in 1944 presented no great call on the county's reserve fund. He emphasized, however, that the committee here wants to be prepared for any emergencies that may arise next summer.

Fifty per cent of the funds collected here will go to the national foundation for infantile paralysis and 50 per cent will remain in use here. If funds in the local chapter are exhausted, additional funds will be advanced by the foundation.

**Doctor Visits**

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, assistant state health officer in charge of county units, visited Clatsop county Wednesday. He attended the doctors' staff dinner at St. Mary's hospital and addressed nurses in training at St. Mary's hospital on public health work. Dr. Erickson was recently named to succeed to the post of state health officer within a few months.

# Rat Control Man Due February 1

Albert Swain, biologist with the U. S. fish and wildlife service, will be in Astoria again about February 1 for a further rate control check, it was announced today by the county health office.

Swain will work with Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health doctor, in spreading rat poison and will answer calls from householders and businessmen who are troubled with rats. Calls should be placed with the health office, phone 519.

# 1944 Healthy Here; Total Diseases 545

Absence of sizeable epidemics in Clatsop county during 1944 is indicated in the annual report of Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, which shows that the number of communicable diseases reported in this county during 1944 was 545 as compared with 744 in 1912.

Dr. Scoville said that less measles, mumps and chicken pox accounted for the difference. Records show no heavy run of influenza, although the doctor pointed out that physicians often fail to report such cases.

**12 TB Cases**

Twelve newly-discovered cases of tuberculosis were sent to sanitariums at Portland, Salem and The Dalles during the year. A large portion of these were discovered through the stepped-up program of examining industrial and restaurant help.

Poliomyelitis and the venereal diseases here followed the trend noted throughout the country, according to the health officer. Five civilian cases of infantile paralysis were reported in 1944, whereas only one was reported the previous year. Meanwhile, venereal infection was six-times as great in 1944 as 1943 in this county.

In her annual report, Doctor Scoville described the work of the health department generally as a job of "educating, training, warning and preventing of diseases."

"The department wants the public to know that it is interested in the welfare and health of every individual in the county and wants everyone to avail himself of our services."

**No Treatment**

She stressed that the department does not treat cases, but diagnoses and refers cases to local doctors.

The county health department is composed of the health officer, two public health nurses, a secretary, and until recently a clinic nurse and a sanitarian (this work being handled by the doctor since Verne Reierson entered the army and until a replacement is found).

**Maternity Service**

Special maternity service offered by the department in conjunction with the U. S. childrens' bureau has grown in importance in the war years, the doctor said. Forty per cent of births in the county in 1943 were among young service families, and the percentage was similar in 1944. These cases are visited by public health nurses, and 115 such cases were admitted to this nursing service in 1944, as compared to 61 in 1943 and 43 in 1942.

Among the work of the nurses and doctors which shows marked increase are the well-baby- clinics and health conferences. They show greater supervision of infants and young children, 258 infants admitted to medical service in 1944 against 55 in 1943, and 323 pre-school children admitted in 1944 in comparison with 224 in 1943. The health officers also examined 501 children in school during the year.

# Health Good For Year

NEW YORK. (UP) - The health of the American people is "good" and the civilian death rate will be slightly lower for 1944 than for 1943, despite several adverse factors, according to statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Tuberculosis has been kept under control and may establish a new low mortality record, the statisticians say. In addition, they point out that infant mortality and deaths of mothers in childbirth are at a new low.

The fatal accident rate for 1944 probably will show a small decline and the trend of occupational accidents has continued downward. Home accidents, homicides, and suicides have declined, according to the statisticians.

The death rate from influenza showed a sizeable increase although it still was relatively low and the record for respiratory diseases as a whole was not bad, the statisticians report.

The high prevalence of poliomyelitis was the major adverse development in 1944 and its record will be the second worst in the history of the country. A number of factors, however, operated to give it a low fatality rate. Meningitis continued to increase, although its fatality rate was comparatively low because of the use of sulfa drugs.

# New State Health Set-Up Planned

SALEM. (UP) -A new department of public health would be established by a bill introduced in the senate today by the interim committee on public health, after an exhaustive study of the present health setup. The bill recommends a new department as facilitating operations impossible under the present unweildy system.

Administration of the new department will include a board of seven directors appointed by the governor with approval of the senate. Four members would be physicians, two experienced executives, and the other the director of agriculture, who will hold ex-officio membership.

The latter appointment is designated for the purpose of coordinating the functions of the health and agriculture departments, since by provision of the bill the latter department will continue to administer the inspection of food.

# X-Ray Survey Unit Slated Here Soon

Plans for scheduling the mobile check X-ray survey unit in the various communities of Clatsop county will be discussed on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. when the Clatsop County Public Health association meets in regular monthly session at the YMCA.

Miss Mary Jane Green, health education chairman of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be present to aid the group in making its plans. The dates for the chest X-ray survey in this county are March 14 to 24. Miss Green will also discuss program building and various phases of public health education which is carried on by public health associations.

# Health Nurse Vital Person In County

No community health program is adequate without the services of public health nurses, it was stressed in a message released this week by the Clatsop County Public Health association, lay group which promotes general health work.

Commemorating today, which has been designated national public health nursing day, the health association presented a description of the services of the county's public health nurses, who work with the county health officer in the county health department. Miss Ethel Ivy Gunderson, Miss Eileen Cummings and Mrs. Ruth Moody (on temporary leave) comprise this nursing staff.

The public health nurse, sometimes called the school nurse or the county nurse, is required by law to be a registered graduate nurse and have in addition special training in health teaching practices and public health relations. Her work is concerned with the total health situation of the family, including care of the sick, prevention of disease and promoting general good health, and her services are available to all.

In control of communicable diseases, the public health nurse gives instruction regarding health department regulations concerning isolation and release. She visits homes upon request to give or demonstrate nursing care. She works to have all children vaccinated against small pox and immunized against whooping cough and diptheria. She helps find cases of tuberculosis, assists in plans for their examination and treatment, and sees that the family and contacts are checked to prevent spread of the disease. She helps plan care for maternity cases and gives care to the new-born in addition to other types of maternity service.

Well-baby clinics or conferences are conducted each week in some part of the county with a nurse in attendance, the purpose being to give parents of small children periodic instruction in keeping their babies healthy. Welfare of school children is stressed in the public health nurse program, with the air of correcting psysical defects in childhood which, if untreated, would lower the health standard of the adult individual.

## Fight Polio

There is presently under way a drive to collect public subscriptions of money for a fund to provide financial assistance to victims of infantile paralysis, and also for scientific study of the disease. It is called "The March of Dimes." It is under sponsorship of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and it has a local chapter here as in almost every other town of any size in the country.

Half of the proceeds taken in by a given community remain in the community under supervision of a local unit of the national foundation. Clatsop county's fund has not been heavily drawn upon because this area has escaped polio in any serious degree. But of course when the disease hits, it can eat up money very fast.

Last year in the state of Oregon polio hit 233 persons. These were the recorded cases. There were doubtlessly many more than that, some of them not having been recorded as polio. Throughout the country the total cases numbered 19,000. There is little about climate or other geographical peculiarties that have a bearing on polio, apparently. In Oregon the cases were widespread, although it is admitted there was little in the extreme western portion. But infantile paralysis is a deadly disease, crippling its victims, and doing ghastly human damage.

In 1943 the American people pungled up $16,000,000 through the March of Dimes campaign. Half remained in counties where it was raised. The other half went to the national foundation which has spent millions in grants for virus research and studies on the after-effects of the disease, in addition to large amounts for epidemic relief.

The local campaign committee has been delayed in distributing March of Dimes banks throughout Astoria and other points in the county. But meanwhile contributions may be made to the local drive's treasurer—County Clerk Verne Stratton.

It should be obvious that the movement is necessary and the appal is merited. Polio is a dreadful trick of nature. To fight it takes money. The sooner it is tamed, the better off will be hundreds of thousands of people, including the very young, who stand in horrible vulnerability to a pathological mystery that men of good will and great hearts are trying to solve.

## Advertising Medicine

A form letter recently hit our desk bearing upon the first major fund campaign next April of the American Cancer society. It contains some gruesome facts about the deadly effect of cancer. It is the No. 1 killer of women in the 25-to-55 age group, the No. 2 killer of American men, and is surpassed only by heart disease in total deaths for all ages.

Eric A. Johnston, spectacular and aggressive president of the U.S. chamber of commerce, is national chairman for the forthcoming campaign. He wrote the letter. Johnston says he was shocked by the fact that the public contributed only $750,000 last year to the war on cancer, when their contributions exceeded $10,000,000 to the fight on two other diseases which cause fewer deaths.

The letter states there are hopeful facts about cancer presently known. Certain types of cancer are being cured and can be cured if apprehended early. Pre-cancerous conditions can be discovered and controlled in detection clinics. Medical authorities say that without the discovery of a single new cancer fact, 30 to 50 per cent of potential cancer victims can be saved. This means that through an adequate educational program, adequate detection clinics, equipment and training, and periodical medical examinations, 4,000,000 to 6,500,000 of the 17,000,000 Americans now doomed to die of cancer can be spared the ravages of this disease.

When reading information of this kind we cannot escape the impression that the cause of better health could well be served by some form of continuous institutional advertising on the part of the medical profession through their societies or hospital associations. An M.D. does not like to advertise his services; and as a class doctors frown on this sort of thing, with understandable reasons. But we do not see why the advertised promotion of public health, or education of the public on health precautions and opportunities need be the sole responsibility of the United States government, the therapeutical houses or insurance companies. The doctors, in many ways, are the most logical source for this type of education. Acting together the gross financial contribution of the individual members would be small. As a matter of fact we think that doctors would gain in the long run. Certainly the cause of public health would be vastly strengthened, and the public would not be called upon annually to pungle up donations for a special campaign which, no matter how worthy, is limited in one phase to a week, or a month of concentrated advertising in popular media of information.

# 1070 Men Coming In Month

About 1000 bluejackets and 70 officers will comprise a line maintenance training school on PBM flying boats at the U.S. naval air station, Tongue Point, when the program gets under way next month, it was announced today by Com. H. J. McNulty, commanding officer.

The program assigned to Tongue Point is part of the navy's air technical training center at Chicago. Location of school at the Tongue Point station promises greater activity at this facility than at any time since before the summer of 1942, when PBY squadrons there streaked north to turn back the Japs in the Aleutians.

**Plane Training**

The school will be operated to train men for service and maintenance of the PBM-type of naval patrol flying boat, which is a big two-motored airplane. Classes will each cover an eight-week period. The men will receive complete physical and technical preparation in preparation for joining others trained elsewhere in other phases of service and maintenance of aircraft. Leaving here to mobilize at a centralized point, the men will be ready for active service overseas as part of a team to fly and keep flying the big PBM boats that are doing a vital patrol job all over the vast Pacific ocean.

Staff for the school will consist of about 23 officers and 225 men, all instructors.

**Indefinite Program**

With men arriving about every two weeks as other classes are graduated and shipped out successively, the complement at the Tongue Point station will be at its greatest number in more than two years. The school will be operated indefinitely.

Commander McNulty said that two of the PBM boats were at Tongue Point now, and that seven more would arrive when the school gets under way. The planes will be test-flown after having been repaired, reconstructed and in some cases almost built from the ground up.

Influx of men at Tongue Point, including both staff instructors and students, will create additional housing problems for Astoria. The Astoria chamber of commerce is now seeking information on making available to navy personnel a larger quantity of federal public housing.

Both Tongue Point and the naval air station, airport, are under McNulty's command. Lt. C. E. Anderson will be acting officer in charge of the PBM training program at Tongue Point.

# Heart Attack Fatal To Jim Elliott

The stars and stripes hung at half mast today on the Clatsop county court house in deference to County Commissioner James Andrew Elliott, 58, whose death Sunday morning left one of the seats at the county court bench vacant. Mr. Elliott, known throughout the county as "Jim," entered his fifth term as commisisoner after the last election, having been a member of the county court for the past 16 years.

**Death Sudden**

With a heart attack, death came suddenly to the commissioner who was also a prominent freight and log truck operator in Clatsop and Tillamook counties, under the name of Elliott Transfer company. He had built up his trucking business from a single vehicle operating between Astoria and Jewell.

Born June 27, 1886, in Kansas, Mr Elliott came to Oregon with his parents when he was three years of age, first locating in Silvan. About 1903 he located in the Nehalem valley and in 1906 he returned to Portland. He was married in Portland on December 14, 1914, to Miss Rose Bolin of Nehalem. Following his graduation from the Behnke-Walker Business college, he returned to Nehalem and in 1917 he started the Elliott Transfer company.

**County Activities**

In 1928 he was first elected county commissioner. Among other county activities he served on the roads committee of the state county official's association, and on Caltsop county's five-man industrial committee.

He was Past Exalted ruler of the BPO Elks, lodge 180 of Astoria.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Rose Elliott and daughter, Miss Lucille Elliott of Astoria; two sons, James Elliott Jr., of Astoria and Lawrence Elliott, U. S. army; two brothers, William Elliott of Portland and Charles Elliott of Alaska; one sister, Mrs. Mary Johnston of Portland; two grandchildren, Ruth Rose Elliott and Lawrence Elliott Jr., of Astoria.

Funeral services, which will be announced later by the Hughes-Ransom mortuary, await arrival of his soldier son.

## "Jim" Elliot

Jim Elliott was what you would call a canny man. He had a sharp eye for material values. He was an acute businessman, and as such made a distinct contribution to the quality of Clatsop county government during the 16 years he served as county commissioner.

From 1928, when Jim was first elected to the county commissionership, until the present, Clatsop county walked in the valley of the shadow of financial bankruptcy. There were tough times during which those holding public office were forced to stand up and be counted against angry pressure groups, financial, social and political, and with touchy personal and political consequences. There were times in the heart of the depression when holding public office in a taxladen, discouraged, busted county and community was a fur-lined, hand-stitched, genuine leather headache, and nothing else.

Jim Elliott served during those times. It was Jim and Guy Boyington and chipper little old Billie Larson who did much to reorganize and improve many county practices, and then to hold the fort against the storms of the early 30s.

At present, affairs within local government are serene. Although the county at one time had heavy indebtedness, it was never so over-bearing as that on the city and port. Hence, today the county is in the best shape. But one is inclined to forget the history of how we got that way. It was men with the right idea, with the courage to back up the right idea and with the skill to say "no" in a nice way that brought the county government through the bitter interlude of debt.

Jim Elliott was one of these men. Aside from his purely personal triumphs as a businessman, Elliott served his neighbors very well. Loss of him at the outset of his fifth term in office comes as a shock to a whole county.

**JAMES ANDREW ELLIOTT**

Funeral services for James Andrew Elliott, 58, county commissioner and transfer company owner, who died at his home Sunday, will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the memorial chapel of the Hughes-Ransom mortuary with Rev. J. Walton Kempe, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, officiating. The B.P.O. Elks No. 180 of Astoria will also hold their services in the chapel and interment will be in the Ocean View cemetery.

# Disease Total Down In State

PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—A drop in the reported number of communicable diseases cases for last week caused Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, today to call the overall situation "unusually good" for Oregon.

In line with the large number of venereal disease cases reported to the state health department since 1941, Dr. Stricker said that 35 new syphilis cases and 65 gonorrhea cases were discovered during the week.

# Public Health Survey Unit To Visit County

The public health service X-ray tuberculosis survey truck will be in Clatsop county from March 12 to 24 and the people of the county are to have 10 days free service from the unit, it has been announced. The unit was recently put in service by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and was made possible by the purchase of Christmas seals by the public.

Plans for the use of the equipment will be made at the regular monthly meeting of the Clatsop County Public Health association, will be present to aid the group in making its plans.

The object of the service to be offered is to permit the examination of as many people as possible, with the hope of discovering cases of tuberculosis in time for successful treatment.

Further plans for the use of the equipment will be announced in the near future.

# Health Group Hears X-Ray Unit Plans

The visit here of the Oregon State Tuberculosis association's chest X-ray unit from February 14 to 24 was the topic for the meeting Thursday evening in the YMCA of the Clatsop County Health association. The county should top the record in the number of people X-rayed during this period, William Seeborg, president of the health association, said.

Miss Mary Jane Greene of Portland, director of public health education for the Oregon Tuberculosis association and in charge of the mass X-ray survey unit was a guest speaker.

**Tells Program**

Miss Greene outlined a program to help preserve health and combat disease on the following points:

Find out who lives in the county; discover health problems and obstacles; study the facilities for health education; improve child and maternal care.

The chest survey unit program was begun over a year ago in a Portland shipyard and since then has expanded to what it is today. Miss Green especially wants to reach unskilled and semi-skilled laborers with the unit because tuberculosis for men aged 38 years and up in this industrial group is greatest.

**No School Children**

The entire unit can be set up and made ready to function in 20 minutes and it facilitates 60 persons per hour. It is not recommended that school children be given this service as it has been found that tuberculosis in school-age groups is almost non-existent.

"This meeting is very important because this thing has been building up for 15 or 20 years; it has taken these years to make people realize that money must be raised through the sale of seals to buy the equipment necessary," Seeborg said. Clatsop county, this year went almost $600 over its $7500 goal to sell $8181 in tuberculosis seals.

Advance publicity for the unit has included the showing of films, and newspaper stories. Sea Scouts are planning to distribute health education posters to various industries once a month and posters are being given out in Seaside.

Plans for the annual banquet which will be held March 1 at Hotel Astoria were also discussed. It will be on a reservation basis and a guest speaker and musical program will be presented.

**Rat Work Progresses**

Albert Swain of the rodent control section of the fish and wild life service worked Wednesday and Thursday in Clatsop county with Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, on rat control.

**Postpone Clinic**

The regular Wednesday afternoon baby clinic held in the county health office will be postponed next week. The county health officer and nurses are to attend a conference in Portland on Wednesday.

# Zundel Fills Vacancy On County Court

County Judge Guy Boyington and Commissioner John Slotte today appointed Afton Zundel, for 10 years Clatsop county agent, to the third commissionership on the county court, vacated January 28 by the death of James Elliott.

Zundel, who will be 42 this month, is currently general manager for the Engbretson Seed company, which was founded by the late A. E. Engbretson, and built into one of the west's largest seed concerns.

**OSC Graduate**

Zundel was born in Malad City, Idaho, and went to high school there. After his graduation from high school, he worked in all the western states, as ranchhand, on dairy farms, for railroads and in mines for four years. He entered Oregon State college in 1925, and was graduated four years later with the bachelor's degree in agriculture. During his college career he was named to Alpha Zeta, agriculture honorary; specialized in animal industries; was president of the agriculture club, took part in OSC athletics and was a staff member on the college daily newspaper.

Following his graduation from college he taught agriculture for a year each in high schools at Enterprise and Canby, Ore., and for three years in Arcada, Cal. It was while teaching at Canby that he met Miss Nellie Wight, also a teacher there. Miss Wight had recently spent nine years for early schooling in Scotland, finished high school in this country and attended the University of Alabama, later teaching high school in the Hawaiian islands, Hood River and Canby. They were married in 1932 in Portland.

**County Agent Job**

Zundel became county agent in August of 193- and served for just 10 years to the month. While agent for the extension service here, Zundel contributed much to pasture improvements in this county, introducing new and better practices and making them standard. During his period as county agent the office assisted in organization of the Svensen, Lewis and Clark and Youngs River water districts, and in formation of some diking districts here about 1937.

Zundel was also an original member of the county's active "land use" committee, and he also served as secretary of the county planning commission. From June until mid-October of 1943 Zundel traveled widely over Oregon as executive assistant to the director of the state's farm labor management for the war emergency.

**At Miles Crossing**

The Zundels now reside near Miles Crossing in the Lewis and Clark district. They have two children, Margaret, 11, and David, 10.

Boyington said today, in connection with the appointment: "We asked Zundel if he would accept the commission position because we wanted someone who had first hand knowledge of farming in the county; and when he said 'yes' we named him because we had a great deal of confidence in his integrity and ability."

Zundel said today he was honored by the appointment, and accepted, feeling his knowledge of the county—and particularly its land problems—would be of value to the county's future.

Zundell will continue as general manager of the seed company.

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# Astorians Going To Health Meet

A large group of local people plan to attend the fourth annual Oregon state conference on social Hygiene in Portland on Wednesday, where the feature speaker will be Lt. Col. Thomas H. Sternberg from the office of the Surgeon general in Washington, D. C.

Those contemplating attending the conference include Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer; Miss Aileen Cummings and Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurses; Mrs. Rose Reith, county probation officer; Dr. Nellie Vernon, city health officer; William Seeborg, and Mrs. Harvey Abel, president and executive secretary of the Clatsop County Public Health association; Mrs. Herbert Hacker, Mrs. Tim deJong, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niemi, Mrs. S. Alsos, Mrs. Afton Zundel, Mrs. Rudolph Bosshart and Mrs. F. W. Wilson of Warrenton.

**SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)—A compromise solution of the "big truck" issue will come up for senate action tomorrow following "do pass" recommendation by the senate highways committee, it was revealed today.**

**The wartime limits on trucks, 60 feet in length and 71,200 pounds in weight, will be extended until July 1, 1947.**

SALEM, Ore. (U.P.) -Revamping of the state department of public health, affecting virtually every Oregon citizen, was the proposal thrust before Oregon legislators today as a controversy which may prove to be a highlight of the 1945 session.

An interim committee report incorporated into an omnibus bill (SB89) was under advisement of the senate committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry after a score of witnesses last night spent three hours in sharp conflict.

**Complex Administration**

There was agreement that haphazard legislation had brought complex administration over related public health acticities. Beyond that, there was dispute among the factions which believe:

1. The interim committee's program of a seven-member public health board, composed of four physicians and three laymen; tighter quarantine laws; close alliance between public health and department of agriculture pooling of funds.

2. Two other bills (SB128 and one yet unnumbered) to draw definite demarcation between agriculture and public health (sponsored by Sen. W. E. Burke, Yamhill county.)

3. Allied groups demanding board members representing dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses, industrial hygienists, perhaps attorneys, as at present.

**Labor Demands**

4. Insistence of labor and others that transfer of industrial hygiene from public health to industrial relations would be efficient, economical and intelligent.

5. Present Oregon health conditions are good, any change should be cautious.

Meanwhile the last of the proposed milk control laws was ready for introduction today. It is a companion bill to the one which requires pasteurization for most milk and milk products, and would require annual bangs disease testing, control of the sale of vaccines, and more rigorous milk grading.

**Doctor Visits** 2/14/45

Dr. William R. Murlin, director of radiology for the state board of health, was in Astoria Tuesday conferring with William Seaborg, president of the Clatsop County Health association, and Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health doctor, concerning the pending visit of the mass x-ray unit. He also spoke Tuesday evening to members of the Clatsop County Medical society at St. Mary's hospital.

**Communicable Disease**

Twelve cases of communicable disease were reported for the first time by 82 per cent of Clatsop county's doctors during the week ending February 10. The cases were eight of gonorrhea, two of syphilis, and one each of meningitis and scarlet fever.

# Dr. Parran Sees Victory Over U.S. Venereal Disease

CHICAGO, (U.P.) Complete victory over venereal diseases in the near future was predicted today by Dr Thomas Parran, surgeon-general of the U. S. public health service.

"The first job is to find a larger proportion of the people who are infected and get them under treatment promptly, not only for their own welfare, but so they may no longer infect others," Parran told a meeting of the American Social Hygiene association.

**Receive Tests**

"Millions of Americans will receive blood tests this year but these must be done even more widely. Such tests should be a part of all medical examination... should include a routine test be... marriage and a test during pregnancy. The latter examinations are now compulsory in many states and should be extended nati... What has been done in this dir... tion has greatly lowered the amou... of congenital syphilis."

**Need Public Support**

The excellent wartime record in venereal disease control has been ... to intelligent work of family, ... and other ... but would not ... without consistent public ... port, Dr. Parran said. He emphasized that the outlook for the future is in what penicillin and other rapid treatment methods can do, but the big task is prevention of these diseases through cooperation in the homes, schools and churches.

The group awarded the William Freeman Snow medal for distinguished service to humanity to Maj. Gen. Merritte W. Ireland, former surgeon-general of the U. S. army. Honorary life membership in the American Social Hygiene association was conferred on Dr. Bertha Shafer, director of the Illinois Hygiene league.

# 60 Attend Health Talk

Over 60 persons Monday night attended the first meeting of the social hygiene extension series in Astoria's Lewis and Clark junior high school auditorium, and it was announced today that registration will again be open at tonight's session which stars at 7 p. m.

H. E. Stevens, assistant director of the general extension division of the state system of higher education, who is organizing the series here, said today that registration above 50 is "very good." He stressed, however, that further registration will be accepted tonight.

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, professor of public health at the University of Oregon medical school and lecturer for the first two meetings of the series, spoke Monday night on the personal and social effect of venereal disease. Tonight's topic will be community responsibilities in the control of venereal diseases.

The meetings are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights.

# 11 Children Attend Clinic

WARRENTON, (Special)—At the well-baby clinic held at the school Tuesday afternoon, February 13, 11 children were examined by the county health doctor. Mrs. W. R. Buchanan assisted the nurse and

# Nurse Draft Wins Okeh

WASHINGTON. (U.P.) -The house military affairs committee today approved a bill to draft unmarried graduate nurses 19 to 44. (inclusive)

It will be the first proposal to draft women to reach the house. Congress repeatedly in the past has displayed reluctance to conscript women.

While the measure now applies only to unmarried nurses, it would not affect enlistment of married nurses.

**F.R. Request**

Committee approval came after three weeks of hearing in response to President Roosevelt's request last January 6 for a nurse draft. He said the army and navy had to have 20,000 more nurses at once.

The war manpower commission's procurement and assignment division would be authorized by the bill to order deferment of any woman in essential civilian nursing service.

Veterans administration nurses would be eligible for deferment. Graduates of the federally-financed cadet nurse corps, on the other hand, could be deferred only on grounds of dependency, family relationship or physical disability.

No non-cadet graduate nurse could be drafted until all qualified and inductable cadet graduaters registered with the same board had been taken.

# Seaside Told Of X-Ray

SEASIDE, (Special) — The public health service X-ray tuberculosis survey truck will be in Clatsop county from March 12 to 24 and the people of Seaside and vicinity are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to obtain free chest X-rays through the mobile service unit.

The service provided by the Clatsop County Public Health association, is designed to reach adults rather than children but children will be accepted in family groups. High school seniors are urged to take advantage of the service.

Application blanks may be obtained through various organizations or at the office of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce at 416 Broadway. Applications must be delivered either by mail or in person before noon of Tuesday, February 20, to the county health association at the Chamber of Commerce office. Each applicant will receive a registration card to present at the X-ray truck at the hour and date indicated. Dates that the unit will be in Seaside will be announced later but the truck will be in Seaside long enough to care for all local applicants.

The program is paid for by the sale of Christmas seals of which $908 were sold in Seaside last year.

The cost of operating the unit is $135 daily.

Arrangements for the distribution of the applications were made at a meeting of the local committee with Mrs. H. C. Abel of the county health association. The committee includes Mrs. J. E. S. Buchanan, Mrs. Irving Allen, Mrs. C. D. Davis, Mrs. Willard Friesen and Mrs. E. A. Brown.

# X-Ray Unit Check Starts

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By the end of this week it is the hope of the Clatsop County Public Health association that every ... on in Clatsop county who de... chest X-ray when the mobile chest X-ray survey unit comes to Clatsop county will have had the opportunity to indicate so by signing a registration form or calling the health association office phone 1441.

The forms are being distributed through the unions, industries, schools and various other groups. The purpose of the project is to find tuberculosis among apparently well adults.

**Children Possible**

An attempt is to be made to do only adults although if there are persons who wish to have their children "surveyed" as a part of a family group arrangement may be made to do so.

Persons who are pissed in this initial survey to find how many wish to have a chest X-ray will still have an opportunity at a later date to take advantage of this service if they wish. The unit cannot be scheduled at a definite place and for a definite time unless the association has an approximate number in each location.

The lung is 38 feet long and is equipped with eight dressing rooms, the X-ray equipment as well as a dark room for developing the films.

## T-B X-Ray Coming

The forthcoming visit in this county of a free chest X-Ray mobile unit offers an opportunity that no one should be afraid of, but all should indorse and promote. Since congress passed the selective service act more than 12,000,000 chest X-ray pictures have been taken at induction stations, resulting in 120,000 deferments for chest conditions. Another 3,000,000 pictures have been taken of apparently healthy industrial workers. About 13 cases of tuberculosis have been uncovered in every 1000 civilians examined in industrial plants. The draft exams and the mass X-ray surveys of civilians, including work of the tuberculosis association's mobile X-ray truck, comprise the latest and most encouraging chapter in the historical fight against T-B.

This X-ray truck will be in this county between March 13 and 24. Estimated cost of operating the unit it $135 a day. The cost is entirely paid for out of receipts from Christmas seal sales. The service is free to the public.

We have passed "sign-up" forms around in this newspaper plant, and have thus far obtained consent to chest X-rays from about 80 per cent of the personnel. Some explained that they have regular periodic chest X-rays along with their physical examinations, believe it unnecessary to visit the mobile X-ray unit. But at least one person cited the fear that the examination might find him to have some form of tuberculosis, and if he had it, he "didn't want to know about it."

It is likely that this type of doubt or timidity, or slight fear of the truth, will restrain a number of persons from cooperating in chest X-rays. But here is another way of looking at the problem: tuberculosis is contagious. It is passed around by infested people. If one is a carrier of the tubercle bacillus, he may and indeed does infect others—including children—who cannot always over-come the infection by their normal resistance.

The chest X-ray is taken primarily to discover some evidence of infection if it is there. The doctor follows through on cases reported as infected. There are other tests required. However the X-ray gives the first clue. While the average person will pay no attention to the need of a chest X-ray, unless the need is brought sharply before him by discomfort or illness, it does not mean that when a free chest X-ray is provided merely for the accepting, he should not take it.

Further, one not willing to "risk" a layup in convalescence to recover from T-B is simply not being sensible or fair to himself, to his family or to anyone with whom he comes in contact. The enormous death rate from tuberculosis in this country has been driven down and down by several factors: among them is the detection and prevention program which seeks out infected people and isolates them, so as not to spread the germs. Furthermore, thousands of persons who at on etime were condemned to death by presence in their systems of the T-B bacillus are now cured. T-B in them was found early and curative treatment was prompt, intelligent and thorough.

Now, in order properly to schedule the visit here of the rolling X-ray truck, local health association officials are seeking early registration of those wanting its services, so the schedule may be drawn well in advance of the unit's arrival. For that reason every effort is being made to encourage citizens to register now. A blank form in this newspaper is provided for that convenience.

## Health Talks Open Tonite

Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, professor of [illegible] at the University of Oregon medical school in Portland, opens a series of lectures at the Lewis and Clark school auditorium tonight at 7 o'clock - the first-class of an extension program arranged for Astoria by the Astoria Classroom Teachers' association

Dr. Weinzirl will speak tonight and Tuesday night on "venereal infections." Registration for the extension series has already exceeded the minimum of 30 required for the lectures, and are expected to be well attended, according to A. C. Hampton, superintendent of school.

**Next Week**

The next lecture will be by Dr. Arnold L. Soderwall on "reproduction." This lecture will be given February 26 and 27. Following lectures on successive weeks will cover the subjects of personal hygiene, family relationships and human relations.

The classes will present a series of presentations and discussions, and will carry two hours of college credit for individuals wishing to take examinations. The academic credit features are optional to the student or person auditing the lecture series.

Registration may be completed at the first or second meeting, and for a fee of $5, school authorities point out. The lectures are available to the public on these terms.

## Pedestrian Death Rate Shows Drop

SALEM. (UP)—The traffic death rate in Oregon was only fractionally higher in 1944 than in 1943 but the pedestrian fatality rate dropped eight per cent to exactly equal the national average, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said today.

There were 9.6 persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel while the 1943 rate was 9.1. The death rate is computed to show the number killed in traffic in relation to exposure to accident through motor vehicle use

The final 1944 death toll was 245, eliminating deaths not attributable to motor vehicle use on public highways and streets, an increase of 12 deaths over the 1943 total of 232. The all-time high was 15.4 in 1936.

**Rat Worker Due**

Albert Swain, rat control expert of the wild life service, will be in Astoria March 7 and 8. People who desire help with their rat problems may request it at the county health office, phone 519.

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**Week's Clinic Cut**

There will be no clinic hours in the county health office this Wednesday, because Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, will be in Portland from Wednesday through Saturday. 2-26-'45

## Disease Toll

PORTLAND. (UP)—Communicable diseases in Oregon during the week ending February 10 decreased to 382 cases, according to the latest Oregon [illegible] report. This was 14 [illegible] the week before, the 14 [illegible] about the same level.

Diseases showing gainst were typhoid fever, measles, whooping cough, pneumonia and chicken pox.

## 12,429 Die Of Polio

NEW YORK. (UP)—The 1944 infantile paralysis epidemic claimed 12,429 victims but resulted in dispelling "some of the mystery" of the disease, the annual report of the national foundation for infantile paralysis said today.

Field studies, particularly in California, Texas, Illinois and Connecticut, sought to ascertain the pattern of spread of the disease, but not enough was learned to "set in operation practical control measures," the report said. "More epidemics need be studied; laboratory methods must be greatly improved before the final answer can be given."

The report, covering only eight months of the year, due to a change in the fiscal year, listed grants and appropriations totaling $1,828,859 for research, education and training of physical therapists.

During the eight months covered by the report, $10,484,380 was donated by the March of Dimes. Of this sum, $5,191,148 went to national headquarters and $5,293,232 remained with the national foundation's county chapters.

To help defray expenses of the 1941 epidemic second worst in the history of the nation—the national foundation sent $739,860 of its $2,000,000 epidemic fund to chapters in hard-hit communities.

**Rat Work Starts** 2-

Albert Swain, of the state fish and wildlife service, will be in the county Wednesday and Thursday to assist the county health officer, Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, in control measures against rats. Doctor Scoville said today that if her office is notified on Wednesday of work necessary, it may be handled. She added that the health office phone was out of order Monday and that no calls were received.

## Doctors Inspect Navy Hospital

The Clatsop County Medical association was entertained Wednesday evening, by members of the staff of the U. S. naval hospital, the group had dinner at the hospital and then went on an inspection tour.

Program for the evening was a clinical symposium on the cases that civilian doctors will be receiving shortly from the services. Lt. Com. F. W. S. Modern introduced the speakers. Lt. Com. L. H. Garland gave an X-ray demonstration. Lt. Com. W. A. Klein told of orthropedic war injuries handled at the naval hospital, Lt. (jg) L. L. Hasenbush spoke on war neuroses, and a symposium on the various uses of penicillin was in charge of Lt. H. J. Brown, Lt. L. S. Barkson, Lt. Com. W. A. Kirch. Com. C. G. Robertson and Lt. W. E. Zeller.

## Erickson Health Man

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson today headed Oregon's public health activities as Dr. Frederick D. Stricker retired after a quarter-century as the state's public health officer.

Dr. Erickson has been Stricker's assistant and was promoted by Gov. Earl Snell following Dr. Stricker's resignation in January. The outgoing executive will remain on the staff in an advisory capacity for at least a year, it was announced. He remained in office until this week to be of help to the state legislature, which adjourned last week-end.

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Dr. Stricker had a staff of five men when he took office in 1921 but now the department employs about 100. The two-year state appropriation at that time was about $35,000 while the department now administers a million dollar budget in the state and federal funds.

In recent years, Oregon has risen to top state for healthy children, has the best infant mortality rate in the nation, and has cut the rate of mothers' deaths in childbirth to one-third.

## Health Association Tells Schedule for X-Ray Unit

The schedule for the mobile X-ray survey unit in Clatsop county as worked out by the Clatsop County Public Health association is as follows:

**Seaside,** Monday and Tuesday. Unit located at rear of the Seaside hotel, hours 12 noon to 8 p. m. Mrs. J. Buchanan in charge.

**Warrenton,** Wednesday. Unit located at the Prouty mill, hours 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and at the city hall from 2 to 6 p. m., Harold Dishaw in charge.

**Astoria Marine Construction company,** Thursday, located at the plant, the hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. H. Desler or Robert Shefler in charge.

**The port docks,** Friday. Located at the Pillsbury flour mill and Uptegrove Lumber company (tentative), the hours 7:45 a. m. to 1 p. m. and 3 to 5 p. m. Frank Halderman and H. Turlay in charge.

**CRPA, Elmore cannery,** Monday, located at the plant, the hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Fred Sandoz of the CRPA and Mr. Mills of Paragon Packing company in charge.

**Viking theater,** downtown Astoria, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21, hours 12 noon to 8 p. m. on Monday, 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. Tuesday. Eli McConkey and Mrs. Henry Niemi in charge.

**Knappa-Svensen high school and Bradwood,** Thursday, March 22, the hours Knappa, 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and in Bradwood at the Bradley-Woodard Lumber company from 3 to 6 p. m. Mrs. Velma Babicky, Mrs. J. Thompson and Mr. Leonard in charge.

**Westport and Wauna,** Friday, March 23, located at the Wauna Lumber company, 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and at the Westport Lumber company from 3 to 6 p. m. Mrs. Leo Quinlan in charge.

It is hoped that persons who signed up some time ago and then moved to a new job will take the initiative and contact either the health association or the person in charge nearest their work so that they may be scheduled for their X-ray. Those having signed up may have this service at any of the locations

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Courtesy of Bill Vernon

Nellie Smith Vernon was born in 1867 in Vancouver, Washington Territory, to Oregon pioneers, Sylvanus and Mary Ann (Turner) Smith. She attended school in Clark County, Oregon, and in 1885 married James Vernon. From childhood on, she had wanted to become a doctor, finally receiving her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Oregon in 1901. She came to Astoria in 1903 where she served in the medical profession for about four decades. Dr. Vernon died in 1948.

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